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A scene in the Garden on the night of a sell-out fight which Harry Markson hopes will be often under his guidance.

NEW GARDEN REGIME OPENS DOOR WIDE

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

SINCE the Twentieth Century S. C., which is in association with the Madison Square Garden Corporation in the conduct of boxing in New York, is the largest fistic promoting concern in the world, and since changes have come about in the directional personnel of the Twentieth Century, they make an important story for all fight fans in this country.

One thing is very important. Mike Jacobs, successor to Tex Rickard as the No. 1 fight promoter, is moving out of the picture. Just who, and how, and when, as regards his successor, I do not pretend to know. At the moment, the new guide of record is Harry Markson, who for many years ran the publicity department for Jacobs.

Soon after it had been announced that Sol Strauss, related to Jacobs and his legal representative, had lost his complete control as Mike's stand-in, and Markson had been named as his coadjutor, I walked into the Jacobs sanctum in the Garden.

"Mike, it looks as if you were moving out," I said. "I am under the impression that what with your illness, and the dearth of talent worthy of your efforts, you believe you have had enough."

"Yes, I am moving out," Jacobs replied, smiling. He spoke slowly, thinking over his sentence before he uttered it.

"I have had enough," Jacobs added. "I'll now let a young man take my place. Harry knows the game and the boys like him. He'll be a good substitute for me."

"This seems to be a good time to get out," I followed up.

"Yes, this is a good time to be getting out," Mike replied, still smiling, still picking his way slowly.

Nobody was pushing Mike. His contract with the Garden has two more years to run.

But Mike is pulling in his horns. Perhaps he sees breakers ahead for the boxing business. Could be, he sees trouble ahead for all enterprises which have to do with public entertainment involving big investments. Times are not what they were when he had his good health.

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JACOBS no longer was in a position to stick with his job. His recovery from a stroke had been exceedingly rapid, most encouraging. But he was leaving for Miami, to spend the late Fall, all Winter, and all Spring, down there.

If Joe Louis had to be matched with Lee Savold, or Ezzard Charles, Joe Baksi, or Bruce Woodcock, it looked as if Mike was quite willing to let the 49th Street office arrange things. Then he could be back in time for the June festivities and take a hand helping his new director of boxing, Harry Markson.

But the old zest had gone. The old enthusiasm with which the vigorous, vibrant, excited and shouting Jacobs had attacked his fistic chores in the past, was merely a memory. He was tired.

This was "a good time to get out." Why? He did not explain.

In some quarters there is an impression that the Garden merely is marking time until the expiration of its contract with the Twentieth Century S. C., before eliminating the middle man, and taking charge of its boxing department, though Ned Irish, at the Boxing Writers' luncheon in honor of Markson, emphatically denied any such intentions. One never can tell with a big corporation.

There are well informed men in New York who believe that

Harry Markson, who has been placed at the head of the 20th Century-Garden ring enterprise.

Ned Irish will keep closer than ever to the Garden's ring association with the Twentieth Century for the next two years.

Since Mike has lost interest and fire, and Mike always has been the heart of the Twentieth Century, there may be a change along that line.

However, this angle would not be quite fair to Harry Markson. He will get a chance to show that there is no need for the Garden taking over. He is capable. He has the backing of the newspapers. These are two great assets.

As I size it up, the Garden has placed the new setup of the Twentieth Century on trial.

If Markson can make the grade, the job will be his, be it under the aegis of the Twentieth Century, or, more likely, the sole direction of the Garden Corporation.

One thing is certain. Under Markson, as the Garden representative, with Strauss, representing the Jacobs interest, by his side, only improvement can be possible. Because the situation has dropped to the point at which it hardly could get worse.

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THIS is no slap at Strauss and Mike, and the Twentieth Century setup.

Things have fallen to a low ebb because of the dearth of high class boxing material, and the slow development of the post-war ring crop. It is not only in New York. This situation is international in boxing.

Mike had the correct dope all the time. When Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, in the service during the war, were making periodic returns to New York with eulogies for Joe Doakes and Bill Smith, whom they had spotted in service tournaments, Mike kept saying, "Those war babies will not do us much good. We will be dependent on the old fighters for some years after the war. It will take a long time to recover from this blow. But recover we will. We must be patient."

That is how it has turned out, and that is the situation Markson faces today. Joe Louis still is the heavyweight champion. Freddie Mills, a British veteran, has dethroned Gus Lesnevich. Marcel Cerdan, the Frenchman out of Morocco, is the new middleweight king, and he was a veteran when the war came.

Ray Robinson, another prewar product, is the welter champion, Ike Williams rules the lightweight roost, and until a few weeks ago the ancient Willie Pep still was the featherweight holder, and aging Manuel Ortiz continues to be our top bantam. Now a young lad has supplanted Pep, Sandy Saddler, a comparative newcomer, is the new feather king.

Where, oh where, are the terrific hitters? Where are the scientific marvels, the fast moving "amazing prospects" who were spotted in camps and on battle wagons during the war? They are driving trucks, and selling shoes, and working as mechanics—doing the things they should be doing, where they belong, because if they had had it, they would have come to the fore.

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MARKSON is an odd sort of man for the job he has assumed. He is a slim, soft spoken student of music and the drama, a graduate of Union College. He has the appearance of a teacher, certainly not the look of a fight promoter.

But Harold may spring a big surprise on the boys around the Garden. He has a mind of his own, and he may clean out the under cover directors and place boxing on a footing which it must achieve to move ahead.

Mike Jacobs, who thinks that he has had enough of promotional worries.

In a talk with Markson, I got a very important slant. The Twentieth Century-Garden setup has lost its arrogance. It is willing to give any fighter with the stuff a chance. In fact, in the desperate situation, it is willing to give the prospect the benefit of the doubt. It has not been that way.

The Garden used to say, "This is the greatest boxing arena in the world. Want to fight in it? Show us!"

Of course, Markson and his associates are not opening up to the point at which they will welcome any stumblebum with a new face who dumps himself into New York. They have an important adjunct, the St. Nicholas Rink, where they can try out promising material.

In short, the Garden is waking up to the presence of boxing talent all over the country. Any boy showing any class as a prospect will get his opportunity under Markson.

It is talent which will need encouragement, and developing. It is talent which may be a year away. Perhaps, in a championship sense, many years away. Too often, too many years. But Markson already has opened the doors of the Garden and announced, "If you have fistic wares which belong in this arena, step up. I will see that you get in."

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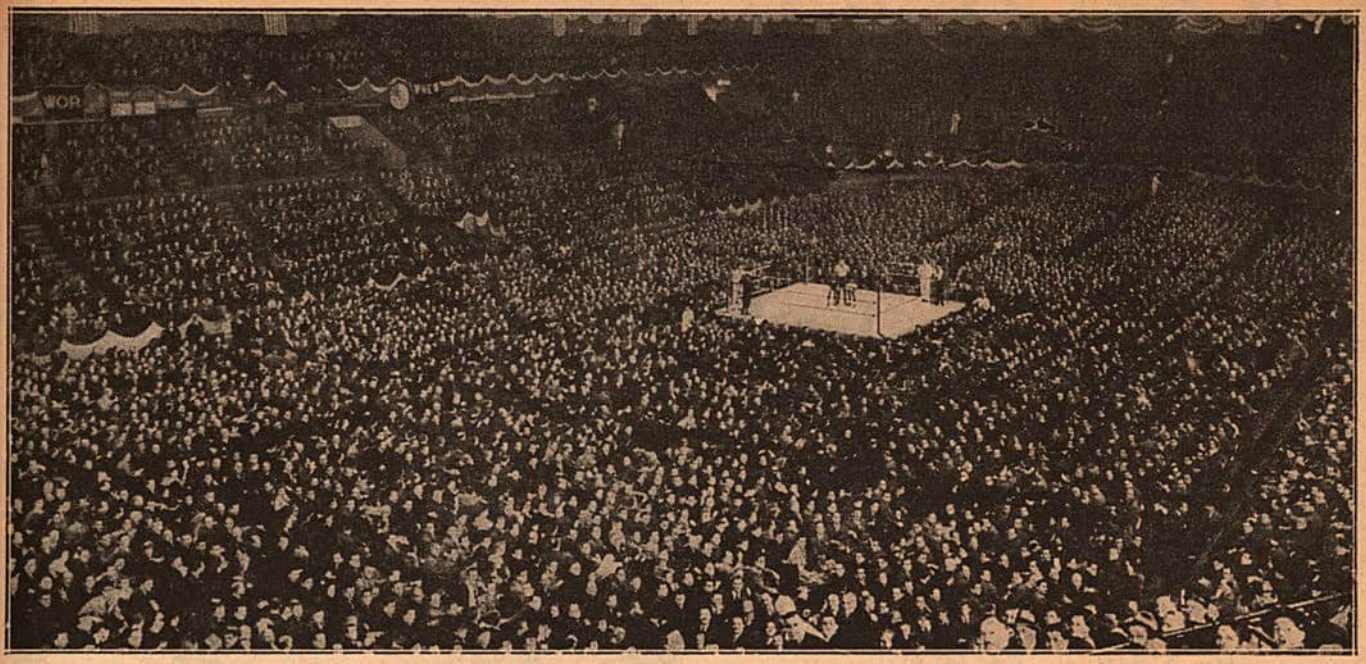
"THERE is no dearth of boxing talent in this country, and there never will be a dearth, just so long as boxing flourishes," Markson told me.

"The task before us is to encourage this talent to develop, to become alive to the tremendous financial opportunities which lie around for the picking up.

"We are ready to show New York fight fans any performer who deserves to show here. We are after kids all over the United States, and we have sent Lew Burston to Europe to bring over any fighters whom he regards as worthy of our attention.

"Bringing Robert Villemain, French welter champion, here to fight Jake LaMotta was just a start."

I asked Markson if he had any schedule all set up. He ad-



Madison Square Garden which has entered a new phase as a fight center.

mitted that he had been going slowly, working from fortnight to fortnight.

Joe Louis definitely will fight for the Twentieth Century in June.

Markson would like to bring on Mills, but Freddie is booked up with Jack Solomons. Mills is likely to fight Gus Lesnevich in a return bout, but Solomons will stage that in London, if it takes place.

Markson offered Bruce Woodcock a shot here, with Ezzard Charles. But the British champion said he had other things to do, and soon Lee Savold was invited to fly to England to meet Woodcock, who has not been lucky here.

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BEFORE Burston went abroad, I asked him for his list of foreign potentials.

"I don't dare name the men, because if I do, our opposition will steal the guys," Burston laughed.

"The other night I went on the air, and the interviewer asked me the very question you just put to me. Whom would I bring back?

"I replied that I had half a dozen men in mind, but would name only one. George Strayer, a middleweight who was coming along fast in England, and who would be trained here for a few months before being sent into the Garden. I said that I did not fear to name Strayer because I had his contract all signed and sealed.

"Well, George Strayer is a friend of mine, 75 years of age. He was sitting in the anteroom listening to the broadcast, and laughing himself sick."

If Mills decides to fight here, in the Garden, it will be in an overweight match. He doesn't want to tackle Lesnevich in this country. He can get more dough in London.

One of the problems Markson will have to help solve has to do with competition from the Tournament of Champions, which has Cerdan sewed up for two more fights. Oddly enough, Burston working for the Garden, is Cerdan's American representative. Niederreiter says he also has Mills for a title defense if Freddie comes to the States.

The Tournament of Champions, of course, has no Garden, and it has no Yankee Stadium or Polo Grounds. And, in the final analysis, it cannot command fighters of a breed different from those available to the Garden organization.

American boxing looks to the Twentieth Century, under the new setup, to show the way to complete recovery and in Harry Markson the sport has a man who is capable of turning the trick.

The Twentieth Century-Garden partnership looks to Markson to direct this recovery intelligently, tolerantly, with a sharp lookout for the customer as well as for the promoters and the fighters.

The task which lies before Markson is a tremendous one. It appears to call for a Rickard. But Harry's intelligence may achieve things which might have baffled the gambling Tex.

After a feeling-out period, Markson will have to assume full responsibility and strike out according to his own lights.

Ned Irish has promised the Garden full cooperation. That, of course, had been taken for granted.

The fact remains that an old regime has moved out, and a new one is on trial. Which way?

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NEWSPAPERMEN all over the country know Harry and, like those of his home city, think well of him. That should make his arduous task a little easier. But he must not only have the goodwill of the scribes, but must be supported by the bankroll of Mike Jacobs if he is to meet on even terms with rival promoters who are offering fabulous sums to top talent as a means of breaking the backbone of the Twentieth Century Club. Whereas Mike Jacobs played with his own money when he built the foundation of his fistic empire, Markson is in the unhappy position of playing with some one else's dough and that's a big handicap in boxing.

But I do believe that Markson will come close to making a go of it if anyone could. If he can't, then I'm afraid the jig is up and the Garden officials will take over boxing as was the case prior to Uncle Mike's partnership arrangements. It's no soft touch and Harry realizes it.

It was Uncle Mike, who after his empire had grown so that he controlled practically every champion and top-notcher in the business, suddenly decided not to offer guarantees and make the fighters sign on a percentage basis. But the battle that the Tournament of Champions is waging against Mike's organization, by tossing dough to the winds regardless of heavy losses in the promotion of their fights, may make it necessary for the Twentieth Century Sporting Club to revive guarantees, a system which would enable Markson's success to be assured. But will that be done? The answer from Ned Irish, representing the Garden and Markson and Strauss representing Mike Jacobs, is an emphatic "no".

"Fighters are worth only what they can draw at the gate," is what Harry says and in that he is 100 percent correct but one must fight money with money. Without a sufficient amount of first rate talent, it's going to be a tough uphill battle to place the club where it was before Uncle Mike became ill.

SADDLER PULLS *a* TRUMAN

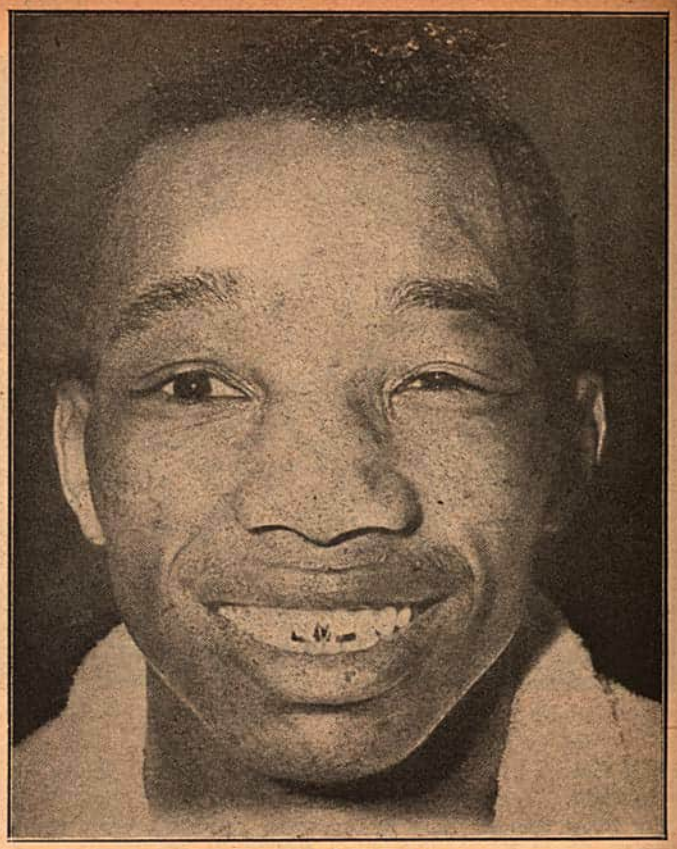
Sandy, Like the President, Furnishes Year's Biggest Upset by Knocking Out Willie Pep to Win the World Featherweight Crown

By NAT FLEISCHER

SANDY SADDLER, spindle-legged New York Negro, a graduate of the Police Athletic League boxing school, is the new world featherweight champion.

The rangy lad who had been on the trail of the title holder for two years came through with a clean-cut knockout of the hitherto invincible Hartford crown wearer, stopping his opponent in 2:38 of the fourth round in Madison Square Garden. Despite cry of a "fix" that permeated the air for two days prior to the contest, the bout was honestly fought. There could be no doubt about that. It was Sandy's flaying fists, powerful blows such as have enabled him to put to sleep the champions of many countries, that brought about the downfall of the best featherweight the division had in two decades.

Pep simply didn't have what it takes to add to his long string of victories, and for the first time in his career, he heard the count of the doleful decimal. In 136 previous battles he had never been whipped by a featherweight. Only once was the decision rendered against him, the time that Sammy Angott beat him in an overweight match. And only once did any of his many opponents hold him to a draw. Jimmy McAllister turned the trick only to be knocked out in a subsequent battle. But it remained for rangy Saddler, a boy with a long reach, steady nerves and a murderous left, to do to Pep what no other fighter had succeeded in accomplishing in 136 contests.

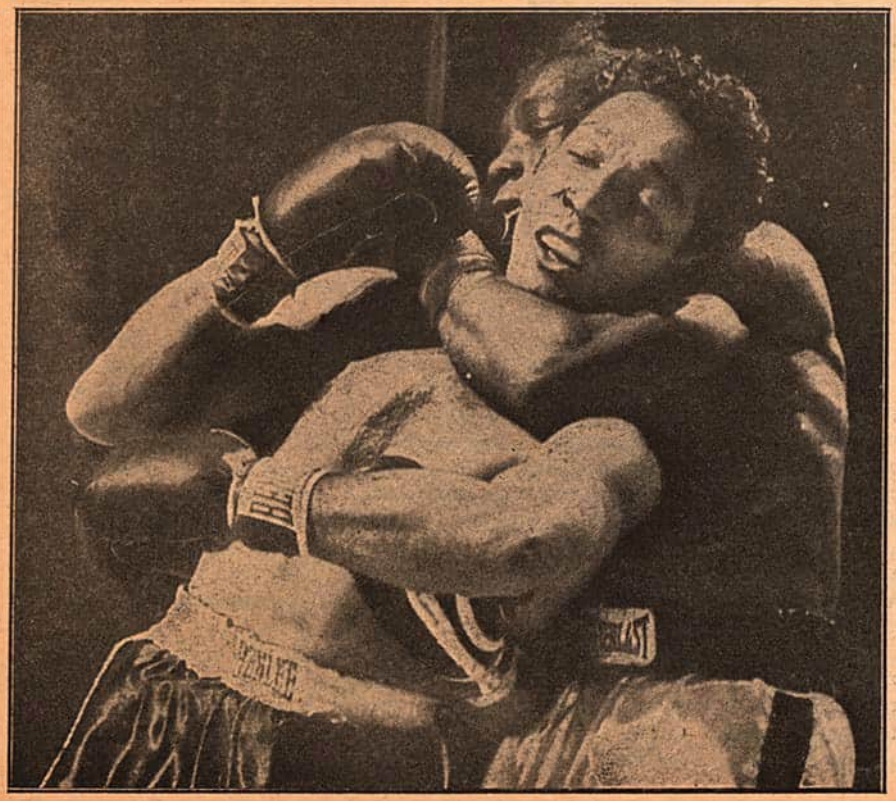


The smile of victory. Sandy Saddler, elated, grins following his kayo of Willie Pep.

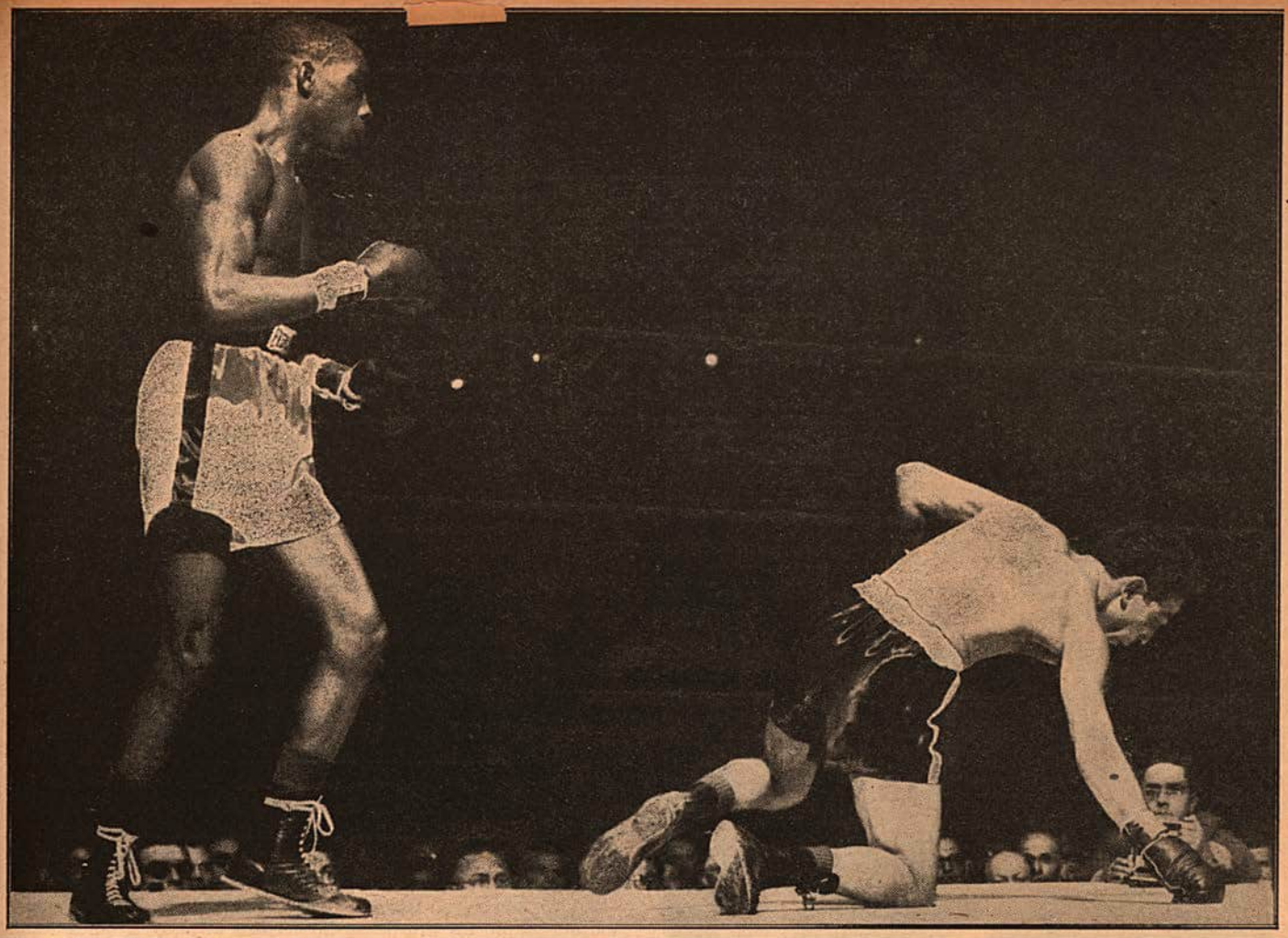
Battling under suspicion, as both champion and challenger were forced to do, didn't seem to affect Saddler, but it undoubtedly had its effect on the defending title holder. The strain was evident. Though he wouldn't discuss it, it was strongly hinted that this was the cause for his extremely poor performance, the worst he has ever given, one in which his cleverness, sharpness, fine defense and rapid hitting were never on view.

Sandy won the fight the hard way, in the most convincing manner, that of using his own fists as referee. When a contest is not fought according to the whims of the betting gentry, when the heavy wagering gamblers take it on the chin financially, they usually try to pin their faulty judgment on the contestants by declaring the affair a prearranged mill. Since Pep was doomed to defeat, judging by the manner in which Saddler set out to bring it about, boxing was saved from scandal talk by having a knockout scored instead of a decision rendered.

That Pep was not the fighter who had gained a high reputation as the nearest throwback to the old school of famous featherweights was obvious from the moment the first punch was landed by his opponent. His major asset in past battles had been his speed,

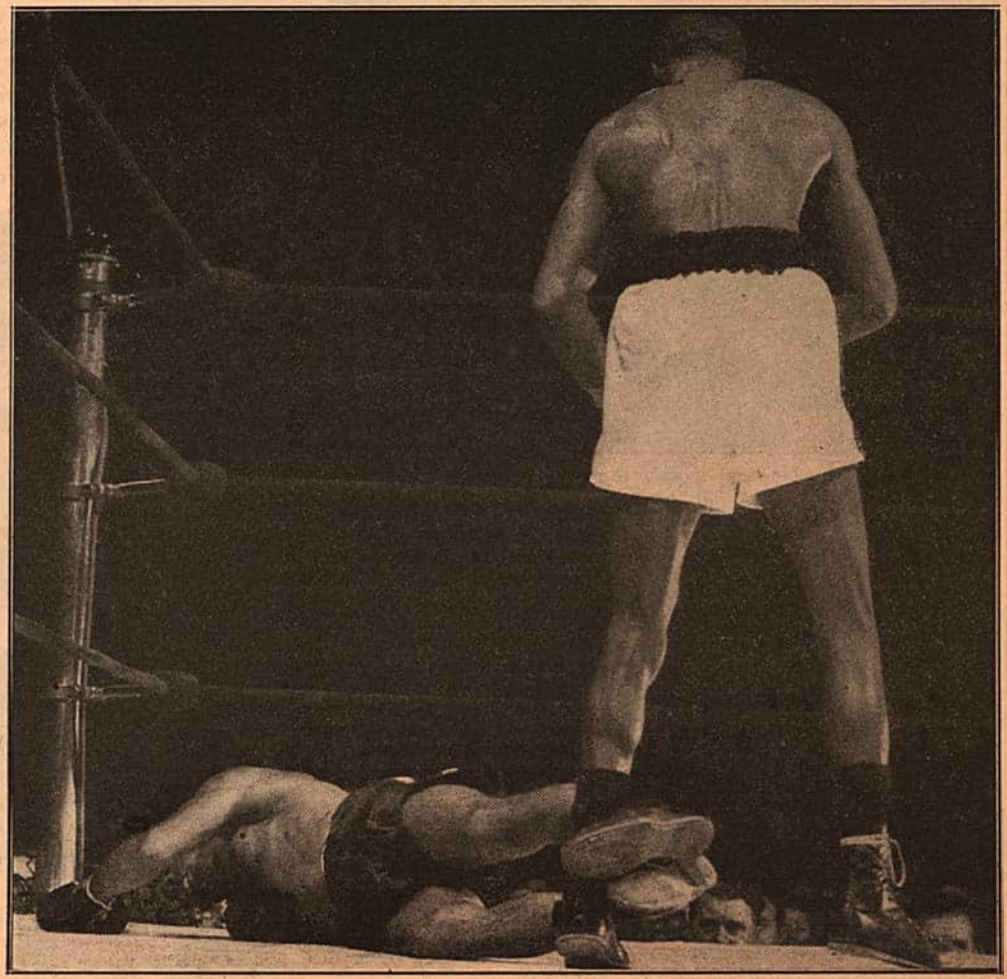


On two occasions Pep's neck was tightly grasped by Saddler who operated on it with the famous strangle hold which is barred in wrestling. Here is how they looked when the hold was practiced.

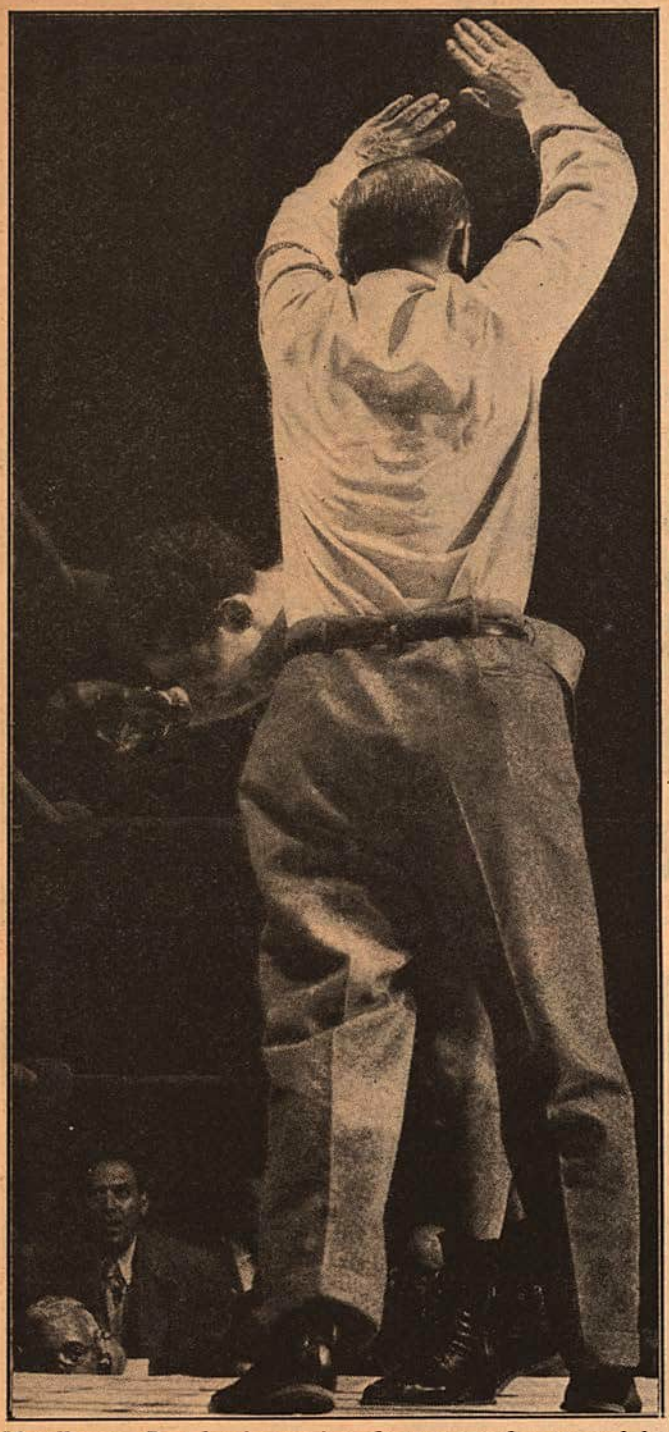


This is how Willie Pep went down when Saddler's left crashed against Willie's jaw for the final knock-down in the fourth round.

A NEW CHAMPION IS CROWNED



And here the featherweight king is pictured rolling over after his body struck the canvas on the final down. He dropped as if he were pole-axed.



It's all over. Pep, leaning against the ropes and supported by the body of Ruby Goldstein, as he appeared when he got to his feet after the referee had signalled the end of the bout. Ruby Goldstein had counted him out.

but against Sandy he had none. He was slow, uncertain of his ground and failed to carry into the ring with him the sting that counted heavily when he had hit his rivals on other occasions. He lacked his usual pep.

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SADDLER floored Pep twice in the third, the first time with a left that carried terrific force. Pep was badly hurt, following that first knockdown and was almost stopped. He got to his feet a fraction of a second after Referee Goldstein had counted ten but was permitted to continue. When Ruby shouted "ten," Pep still had one hand and one knee on the canvas.

Pep attempted to hold off his opponent with jabs once the bout was resumed, but Saddler was too shifty and too sure of himself to be thwarted by the champ once Sandy had the upper hand.

Pep's judgment of distance was poor. He seemed to be bewildered by the unexpected knockdown and Saddler, pressing his advantage, went after him without a let-up. First he sent his left to the mouth of Willie and quick as a flash out darted the right with stunning effect. The punch landed on the jaw and put Willie on the canvas a second time, now for a count of nine. When he arose, Saddler let go another left that missed and the round was over.

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PEP'S seconds then realized that his days as a champion were over. They knew as he slowly got to his corner that the first knockdown was not an accident and that their fighter was doomed to defeat.

Bill Gore, Lou Viscusi and Johnny Datro, who handled the champ in his corner, worked feverishly over their idol during the intermission and sent Willie out for the fourth round. For a moment Pep looked like the Pep of old. He came out with vim and started to peg away with jabs at the New Yorker, but they carried no zing and Saddler quickly realized this and took full advantage of it. He brushed off the champion's light taps and stormed forth for the kill.

Saddler had everything while his opponent had nothing. Pep fought back like a novice. It seemed that the challenger had taken the place of the title holder, so confident was Sandy. He exhibited not the least bit of fear when he entered the ring, and throughout the four rounds of fighting it was he, not Pep, who showed all the earmarks of a veteran campaigner.

Pep tried gamely to rally. The unexpected knockdowns at the hands of the man whom he had evaded for two years seemed to have placed Willie in a fog. He had lost sense of direction in his blows and the few times he did connect, the punches were mere taps and had no effect on the challenger.

Saddler wasted no time. He knew now that he had the championship within his grasp and he decided to make a quick finish of the bout.

He shot out a right that landed with power on Pep's jaw and dropped the champion for the third time. Willie went down, rolled over on his face and struggled manfully to get up but the referee counted him out. He had pushed himself upright with his gloved hand but it was too late. The bout was over and a new champion had been crowned.

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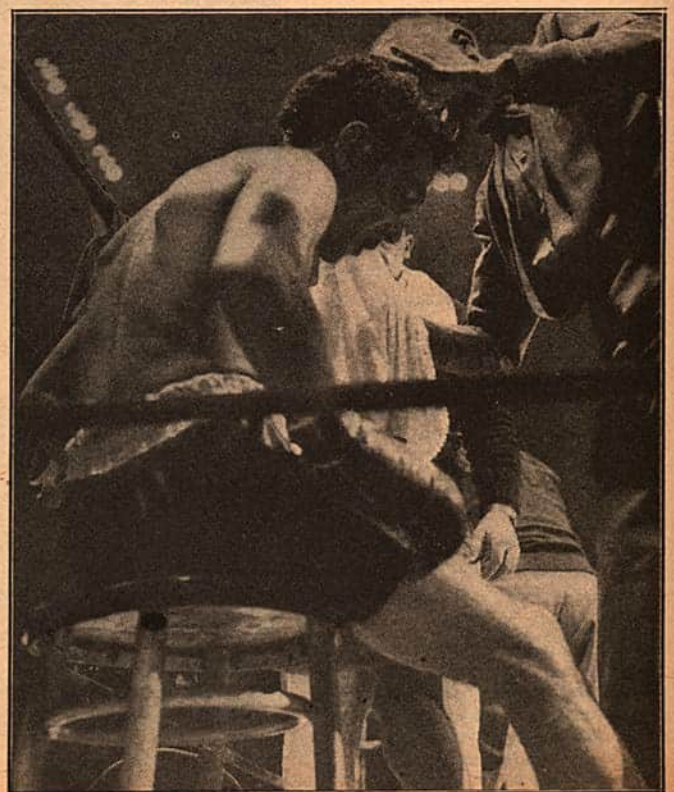


NEW CHAMPIONS HELP REVIVE FANS' INTEREST

Rapid Turnover of Title-Holders, Injection of "International Touch" Into the Scene, and Reorganization of 20th Century Club, Represent Encouraging Signs to Boxing Industry

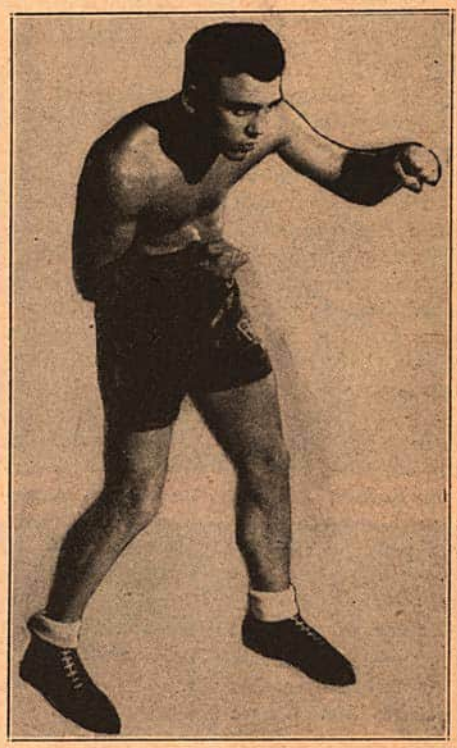
By JERSEY JONES

THE rapid turnover in world champions these last few months, along with the reorganization of Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Sporting Club, may represent a large part of the answer for which this rugged leather-pushing profession has been hunting.

There is no arguing the point that for the last few years, boxing has been steadily declining in its appeal to the paying populace. It's difficult to maintain interest in a sport where the same old ringworn veterans continue to monopolize the spotlight, and the "new faces" fall considerably short of the standards expected by the clients.

The lush era of the war years is over. Conditions are settling down to a more normal status. Folks still have money to spend on entertainment, but they're more fastidious in their choice of that entertainment. As we've had occasion to remark in these pages before, Tiffany prices no longer can be asked for Woolworth products. The customers now expect value received for money spent.

The rush of outstanding ring talent expected from the armed services at the close of the war has not materialized. And as the aging veterans gradually fade from the scene, there are few youngsters with either the ability or the box-office appeal to replace them.



Robert Villemain, European and French welterweight king, who has outgrown his division and will fight in New York against Jake LaMotta as a middleweight.

But recent developments would seem, at least, to lend an encouraging touch to the outlook of the more or less immediate future.

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A NEW champion usually peps up interest in his division, particularly if he happens to supply the "international touch," as in the cases of light-heavyweight Freddie Mills of England and Marcel Cerdan of France.

The recent wins of Mills over Gus Lesnevich and Cerdan over Tony Zale have given boxing a tremendous lift in Britain and on the European continent.

Before his return to France, following Cerdan's complete demolition of Zale in Jersey City, Jo Longman, Parisian promoter, remarked:

"This is the greatest thing that has happened to French boxing in the last twenty-five years. Interest in the sport in France has been at a very low ebb, and there has been little encouragement for our fighters. We have some good boys, but they've had no real incentive to push them ahead. Having a world champion like Cerdan is what you would call a 'shot in the arm' for us. Not only do I feel that boxing is in for a real boom in France now, but within the next year or two I am quite certain we'll produce other fighters capable of bidding for world titles."

There is no disputing the stimulating effect Mills' triumph over Lesnevich has had on boxing in Britain. Consistent defeats of their homebreds in post-war competition with American opponents had reduced British enthusiasm in boxing to probably the lowest point it ever had known. But when Mills, after successive pastings in London by Lesnevich, Joe Baksi and Lloyd Marshall, finally snapped his losing skein, and whipped Old Gus in their second meeting, he did a terrific job of restoring the confidence and interest of his countrymen in the sport.

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ON the American side, there is no saying as yet just what the public's reaction will be to Sandy Saddler's unexpectedly easy triumph over Willie Pep for the featherweight title. The result completely exploded the myth of Pep's supposed invincibility, but Willie's showing was so pathetically inept that there has been a reluctance so far to give Saddler the full measure of credit due him for his stunning performance.

But, at least, the switch in champions is bound to have some beneficial effect on featherweight activities for a while. Pep had so thoroughly dominated the 126-pound ranks that interest in the division had fallen to a sorry low.

It is rather unfortunate that Saddler, as the new champion, finds himself practically devoid of logical American challengers of sufficient appeal to the populace to assure financial success of a title match. But Sandy need not lack for opposition if and when he decides to put his newly-acquired laurels on the competitive market. There are several lads on the international scene who would represent interesting box-office possibilities. For one, there is Raymond Famechon, youngest of the three French fighting brothers, and current holder of the European title. Another is Elis Ask, brilliant young Finn, touted as one of the finest fighting machines in Europe, and Eddie Miller, ringwise Australian veteran, now campaigning in Britain, is another candidate. Any one of these three—Famechon, Ask and Miller—probably would welcome an invitation to hop across the Atlantic for a title meeting with Saddler in New York.

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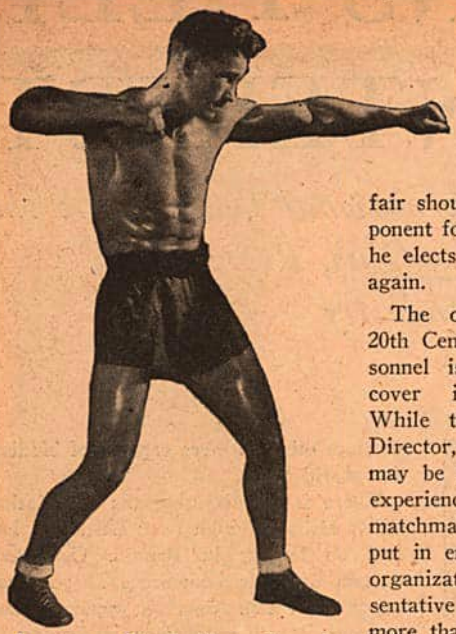
JOE LOUIS' decision to continue fistic operations also has had encouraging repercussions. Even though Shufflin' Joe may not be the fighter he was, he still has a tremendous hold on the affections of the cash customers, and his retirement would have been a tough jolt for boxing to absorb. Louis' field of challengers



Laurent Dauthuille, French middleweight, who is coming to America under the supervision of Max Waxman and Jack Dempsey.

hardly is anything to arouse the public to rapturous outbursts, but the winner of the impending Joe Baksi-Ezzard Charles affair should produce one opponent for the Bomber when he elects to defend his title again.

The overhauling of the 20th Century executive personnel is expected to uncover interesting results. While the new Managing Director, Harry Markson, may be lacking in previous experience as a promoter, matchmaker or manager, he put in enough years as the organization's press representative to have picked up more than a few invaluable pointers on how operations should be conducted to make boxing more successful.

A shrewd observer, with a keen sense of values, Markson's elevation to his new post should prove one of the smartest moves made in the 20th Century's headquarters since Mike Jacobs was taken ill nearly two years ago.

The reopening of the club's Foreign Department, with Lew Burston again taking charge, also should pay off handsomely in dividends. Burston's years of experience in Europe, and his present connections with Jack Solomons in London and Jo Longman in Paris, give the 20th Century a powerful tieup in the international market.

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BEFORE its reorganization, the 20th Century announced it was bringing over Robert Villemain, unbeaten French holder of the European welterweight title, for a December date with Jake LaMotta in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

Frankly, from this department's point of observation, this bout hardly could be listed under the heading of clever promoting. Villemain, a new face, could be developed into a good attraction here—if properly matched. Villemain's a colorful kid, and what the denizens of Jacobs' Beach would classify as a good "club fighter."

But LaMotta definitely is the wrong type of opponent to toss at him in his first American appearance. Villemain doesn't figure to be strong enough or durable enough for a bulldozer like LaMotta.

While the Frenchman has been outgrowing the welterweight ranks, and prefers fighting at or about 154 pounds, he does not seem to pack the punching power and ruggedness necessary to cope successfully with sluggers of LaMotta's type. Jake's lusty body belting is calculated to wreck the visitor, who's not built for such turbulent going.

The fact that Villemain's jaw, fractured several months ago, has been slow in healing is another reason why someone less hardy and less dangerous than LaMotta should have been picked for the visitor's debut here. Villemain is definitely not a fit opponent for LaMotta.

Another importation from LaBelle France, middleweight Laurent Dauthuille, also is expected in New York shortly under Max Waxman's guidance. A year or so ago Dauthuille shaped up as Cerdan's outstanding rival in France, but he failed to realize on his natural talents, and settled down to the status of an ordinary fighter. He lost twice to Villemain, was outpointed by Cyrille Delannoit, and more recently was considered lucky to grab a draw with Jean Stock. Dauthuille is colorful and a stiff puncher, but lacks "staying power." He has a tendency to fade after a few rounds.

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FRANCE seems well equipped in little fellows—flyweights and bantams—but, unfortunately, those divisions have become practically extinct on the American big-time scene, and there is no market here for Maurice Sandeyron, Theo Medina, Georges (Mickey) Mousse, Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Emile Famechon and Luis Fernandez.

There are several lightweights, however, who may do well in American rings. Pierre Montane is one, and another is the third member of the Famechon tribe, Andre. Rene de Vos, Belgian middleweight star of twenty years ago, also has a French 135-pounder who would be a likely possibility on this side, Andre Gonnet.

Elis Ask, one of the finest fighting machines in Europe. He hails from Finland and is a featherweight. He expects to come to America this winter. Ask would make an excellent opponent for Sandy Saddler in a world featherweight bout. He is cleverer than Sandy and can hit almost as hard as the new champ.

The Low Countries of Holland and Belgium seem to have come up with interesting talent of late. His two gruelling battles with Cerdan, before Marcel whipped Zale, established Cyrille Delannoit as a young man capable of holding his own with any of the world's top middleweights.

Middleweight Luc van Dam, welterweights Giel de Rooce, Jan de Bruin and Job Roos, and featherweight Jean Machtelinck are others who appear qualified to stack up against our best.

Spain's top fighter at the moment is bantamweight Luis Romero, while Italy has been producing a parade of promising youngsters in recent months. Probably the most accomplished is Guido Ferracin, who knocked out England's Peter Kane for the European bantam title.

Despite the fact that nearly thirty-five clubs operate on a weekly basis in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and kids are given every opportunity to develop, boxing standards in Britain have been slow in regaining their pre-war levels. The British seem amply supplied with the wee 'uns—flyweights and bantams—are definitely lacking in topline talent in the more robust classes, with only heavyweight Bruce Woodcock, light-heavyweight Freddie Mills, and possibly middleweight Dick Turpin, qualified for strong competition in the international field.

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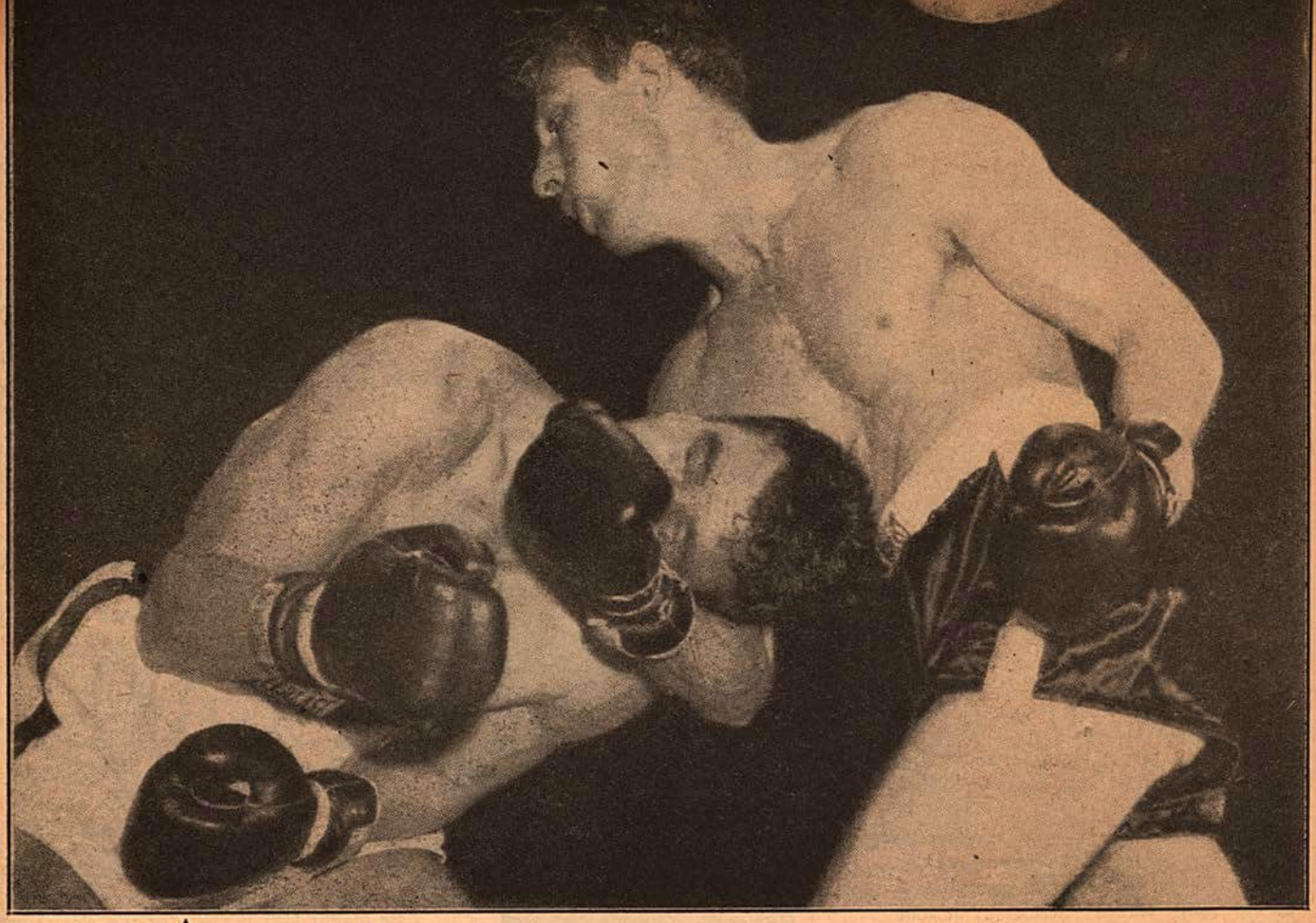

Tippy Larkin gets his neck caught in the arms of Charley Fusari in their ten round bout in the Jersey City Armory. The above photo was snapped a few seconds before Referee Paul Cavalier stopped the affair in 2:35 of the sixth round. It was the opening indoor show of the Tournament of Champions.

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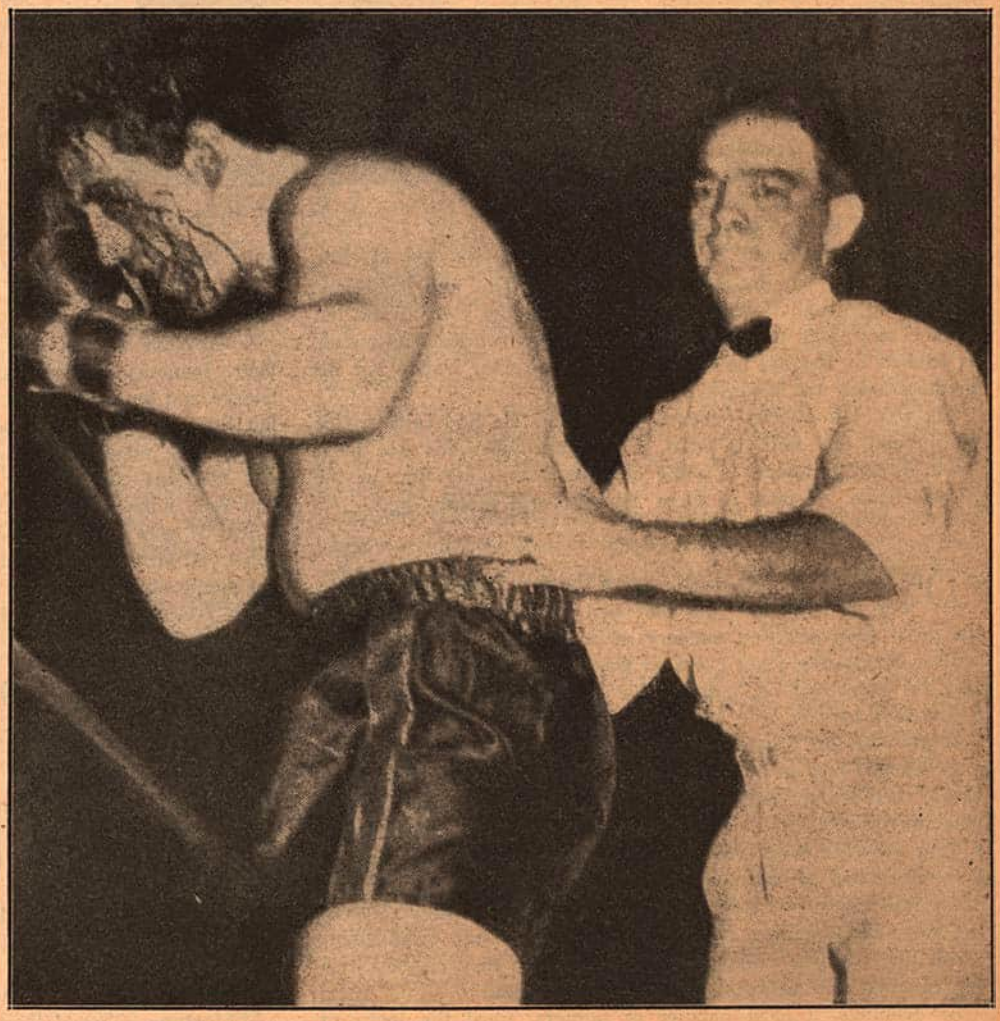

Dempsey's protege is halted by severe cuts. Bleeding badly from a deep gash over his left eye sustained early in the fight, Jo Weidin of Austria is prevented from continuing by Referee Tony Warndorf and is declared the loser in the ninth round to Walter Hafer in Cincinnati.

"BRIGHT EYES"

The Story of Jack Delaney, One of the Greatest Fighters in the Light-heavyweight Division

By EDDIE MERRILL

"BRIGHT EYES" they called him when he fought around Bridgeport. Ovila Chapdelaine was his name but as Jack Delaney he carved a niche in the fistic Hall of Fame.

Little did Ovila, the boy who played with real Indians on the Island of St. Francis, about forty-five miles from Montreal, dream that one day he would be crowned the light-heavyweight champion of the world, thus emulating the deeds of a number of other famous French-Canadians who had come to the fore in the field of pugilism.

There were George LaBlanche, originator of the pivot blow, the punch with which he knocked out Nonpareil Jack Dempsey to win the world middleweight crown; Noah Brusso, who as Tommy Burns, won the world heavyweight title; Arthur Pelkey, the man who gained fame by stopping Luther McCarty in one round, the latter succumbed in the ring after being counted out; George Kid Lavigne, Dave Deshler, Patsy Drouillard, and Gilbert Gallant, among others, who put Canada on the pugilistic map. Great boxers each of them, but none greater than was Jack Delaney. Delaney's first kayo of Berlenbach was responsible for starting Jack on the road to fame.

Jack Delaney as he looked in his prime.

Not many boxers succeed in capturing the fancy of the public as did Delaney during the riotous '20's, when the field was loaded with top talent. Tall and handsome, he oozed personality. Jack was a likeable fellow both in and out of the ring and that's why he had a tremendous following. A student of boxing, he also carried a powerful wallop but his greatest asset was a keen brain.

He was a man who believed in himself. He had faith in his ability and this faith is what helped him when his life hung by a thread following a most delicate brain operation in the Mount Sinai Hospital of New York several months ago.

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DELANEY did not come from a fighting family. He learned how to hook and jab the hard way. He did not inherit his great footwork and mastery of a left hook in combination with a devastating right cross. It was something he had to learn and he succeeded in gaining his knowledge through steady gymnasium grinds.

It was in the rooms of the Acorn AA of Bridgeport that Jack learned how to box. As a member of the club back in 1919, Ovila, then scaling only 132 pounds, had his first fight. It took place in the room the boys called their club headquarters. It was a four rounder with Steve August in which he was dropped three times and his opponent four and at the end of the mill, the affair was termed a draw. For this shellacking each boy received the sum of four dollars. Not satisfied with the result, Chapdelaine asked for a return engagement and this time they clashed in a six rounder and again the result was a draw.

Al Jennings, a local handler of fighters, liked the looks of young Ovila and asked him if he cared to turn professional and make his living at boxing. Chapdelaine agreed and though he was a big, crude lad, he possessed some of the fighting qualities that appealed to Jennings and Al decided to take a chance with the boy.

Jennings, a veteran in the game, one who thoroughly understood how to handle a newcomer, put Ovila in several soft spots in an effort to have the youngster acquire the tricks of the trade and by degrees he became proficient in every branch. Jennings tired of listening to announcers trying to pronounce the name of Chapdelaine, hence changed it to Jack Delaney and as such, the latter continued in the ring thereafter.

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JACK gradually took on weight and a little over three years after his debut, he fought Lou Bogash for the New England title and was returned the winner after fifteen torrid sessions. His first setback came at the hands of Augie Ratner, who hit him on the back of the ear and Delaney crumpled up as if shot. But that defeat didn't scare Delaney out of boxing. He made up his mind that he would get back into the fistic spotlight and this he did when he knocked out George Shade in one round, outpointed Jack McCarron, Hugh Ross and George Robinson, a rough, tough Negro, twice, and halted both Jackie Clark and Leo Leonard.

Then came a parting of ways between Delaney and his manager. Jennings was having a tough time getting fights for his charge and he didn't think he could do the boy justice by keeping him idle. The more bouts Jack won, the harder it became to get him opponents, hence Jennings put Jack on the market and sold his contract for $900 to Frank Marlow, a gambler, and race horse owner. Marlow then turned Jack over to Pete Riley. It was under Pete's management that Delaney began to show real promise and made rapid advancement. Riley, a go-getter, got plenty of work for Delaney and Pete's efforts were rewarded when Jack made good with a vengeance.

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IN the ring there probably never was a smoother, more graceful boxer, a more accurate, sharp-shooting ringman than Delaney. His greatest fights were made under the guidance of Riley though his toughest battle he often remarked, was his first pro fight in Bridgeport back in 1919 with August.

There was no better fighting machine at his weight than Jack Delaney. Harry Greb was a far more spectacular fighter but in all-around perfection the Bridgeport battler had it on the Pittsburgher. When one talks of fighting courage, he must class Jack close to the top. Not that he had more than the other great fighters possessed, but because of the tremendous obstacles he overcame in reaching the top rung of the ladder.

Misfortune followed Jack from the very start of his pro career

when he broke the cartilage around the bone in the middle knuckle of his right hand. The injury put Delaney on the shelf for four months. It healed improperly and for several years he was unable to make proper use of the hand, his best stock in trade. Yet he fought several sensational battles. despite that handicap. Various illnesses took their toll during Jack's rise to fistic fame but he was never discouraged. His faith in himself continued and proved the most powerful asset in his fighting career.

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UNDER Riley's management Delaney began to show his true mettle. He whipped Italian Joe Gans easily. He speared the Brooklynite with left hooks to the face and body but seldom used his right because of the injury he had suffered two years previously. The only time he did make use of it during the fight, proved costly for it again went back on him.

Delaney was eager for a return engagement with Ratner who had previously defeated him and Doc Bagley, Ratner's manager, obliged. They clashed at the Commonwealth Club of New York City and Delaney turned the tables on his opponent. It was a twelve rounder and Jack handed Augie a terrific beating.

Next came Andy Palmer and he likewise suffered a shellacking. Then Jack boxed rings around Jimmy Darcy, in the semi-final to the championship middleweight battle between Harry Greb and Johnny Wilson at the Polo Grounds. In that contest, Delaney's hand again became battered and he was forced to lay off for several months. Jack was taken by Pete Riley to Dr. Fralick, a specialist in bone setting, who performed a miraculous job. In a short time he gave Delaney a better hand than Jack had exhibited since he started his fighting career. Thereafter Delaney never again suffered a hand injury.

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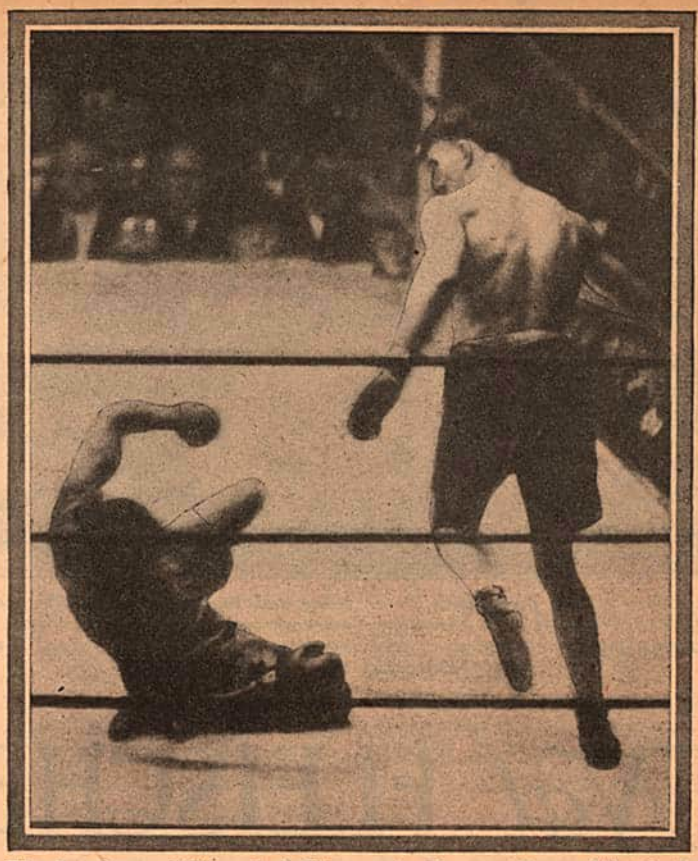
THE first fellow to sample Delaney's made over mauler was Tommy Loughran, at the time considered one of the world's cleverest light-heavyweights. Jack beat Tommy in Boston in ten rounds. Following that, Riley fed Jack with a tough hombre in Sailor Martin whom Delaney sunk in thirty-nine seconds of the opening round.

Riley was now after bigger game for his boy. He aimed to get at a young man who was being touted to the skies in New York, Paul Berlenbach, who had turned from wrestling to boxing and under the tutelage of Dan Hickey, former trainer for Bob Fitzsimmons, was making a spectacular rise. Paul and Jack had clashed in the old Garden on March 15, 1924, and Pop 'em Paul was popped over three times in a soul-stirring contest before a record Garden gathering of more than 14,000 who witnessed Delaney stop his opponent in the fourth round.

It was one of the wildest, most sensational battles ever staged in the old sports emporium. It was a battle of brawn against brain—the bludgeon against the rapier. For the first two rounds and the better part of the third, it was a hectic mill with neither having an advantage. Then with a suddenness that took the spectators off guard, it happened!

As Berlenbach rushed in, Delaney, on his toes, coolly measured his man. Over went a right with all the force of the body behind it and it landed flush on the chin of "Oom Paul." He crashed to the canvas, his head striking the padded ring with such force that it bounced off the floor. Groggily, the Astoria slugger staggered to his feet at the count of six and Delaney, sensing the kill, rushed forth to end the mill. But before he could connect, the gong sounded.



The knockout of Tiger Jack Flowers in the second round by Jack Delaney. It took only a single punch to turn the trick.

They hustled Paul to his corner where Dan Hickey tried desperately to revive him. The bell sounded for the start of the fourth round and Berlenbach staggered out of his corner. It was obvious that the 3rd round had left its mark and that a quick knockout would end the fight. And so it was. Paul was dropped twice more in that session and he was stumbling about the ring when Referee Jack O'Sullivan, to prevent a fatality, stepped between the men and called a halt.

That defeat represented only a temporary setback for Berlenbach. Tex Rickard, the ring's most colorful promoter, was arranging a program with which to open the new Garden and in typical Rickard style, the Temple of Sport's hottest "natural," was a meeting between Delaney and Berlenbach, a return engagement, this time with the world light-heavyweight title at stake. Between the first and second engagements, Berlenbach had won the crown by defeating Mike McTigue on May 30, and Tex figured that a tilt between Paul and Delaney would be an ideal bout with which to open his new sports arena of which he was mighty proud.

That contest took place on December 11 and went into the records of Fistiana as the first boxing match to be staged in the House that Tex Built. A week before that battle, Jack cut a deep gash under his knee while chopping wood and instead of asking for a postponement, he confided in Rickard and his manager and decided to keep the matter a secret from the public and because of the importance of the mill to Rickard, go through with the match. It was a tough assignment in which Delaney fought practically on one foot, yet it was a very close affair with Berlenbach retaining the crown.

Delaney was peeved when the decision went against him and stoutly maintained that he had won. The receipts for that bout were $144,365 of which Paul got $54,136 and Jack, $18,045. They had two more clashes, both Delaney victories.

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THE third was a fifteen rounder at Ebbets Field, staged by Humbert Fugazy for the Italian Hospital Fund, a bout which set a new record for any match in a class other than the heavyweight division. Close to 50,000 persons saw the contest and the gross receipts amounted to $461,789. Reversing the order of their previous title contest, Delaney carried the fight to his rival during the last five rounds and piled up a sufficient lead to gain the decision. That bout marked the beginning of the end for Berlenbach. In their next encounter in Chicago, Paul was kayoed in the sixth round.

Delaney was one of the cleverest fighters of his era. With Tommy Loughran, Gene Tunney, Mike McTigue and Jimmy Slattery, boxing had a quintet of *(Continued on page 31)*

The Sportsman's Aid Society's Executive Board poses with Peter Kane and Jackie Paterson after each received THE RING *Belt at London's leading sports charity affair. J. Newton, Hon. Secretary (extreme left), holds Kane's belt, while Peter, fourth from left, smilingly admires it. J. Fox (extreme right), chairman of the gigantic and well patronized benefit, admires belt held by Jackie Paterson, next to him.*

Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

Kane and Paterson Awarded Ring Belts

South Africans Shocked by Ralph Defeat

Video Takes a Hand in Promoting Boxing

GRACIE FIELDS, the Rochdale songbird, did the honors for THE RING Magazine in presenting the world championship belts to Jackie Paterson and Peter Kane at the London Casino in London, England. The presentation was made at the Sportsman's Aid Society's annual gala concert at which thousands of pounds were donated to aid the charities which benefit through the organization.

Unfortunately, THE RING Editor was unable to make the trip abroad to give to each of the former world flyweight kings the trophies they won when they annexed the title during the war. Gracie was selected by the committee to do the chore. And a swell job she did before a gathering that filled the spacious Casino to capacity.

Evidence of her popularity lay in the queue which formed outside the theatre, to get a glimpse of the famous songbird. First she presented Kane with his belt. Paterson had not reached the theatre on time, because of the late arrival of his plane. Ken Gordon of the "Weekly Sporting Review," the paper owned by Isadore Green, accepted the belt on Paterson's behalf. Later when Paterson reached the Casino, he was given THE RING award by Gordon.

THE RING Editor takes this means to thank Gracie, Gordon and the entire committee for their splendid cooperation in tightening the tie between American and British boxing.

A few days after the presentation, I received the following letter from Kane:

"I wish to thank you for the splendid gift of THE RING belt. It is a lovely job and I shall always treasure the award. The people of my neighborhood are mighty proud of it especially since it comes from America and through your kindness. Here at our club we have a photo of Joe Louis wearing the belt you presented to him and the one I have is just like it. That's what makes me mighty happy.

"We have 4000 of your airmen stationed about four miles from my home and many of them have come to see THE RING belt. They are at the Burton Wood Airfield and we do all we can to make them feel at home. Please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in presenting your belt to me so many years after I was recognized as the world flyweight champion."

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THE contemplated hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System with the Tournament of Champions, will be the first serious invasion of television in the field of boxing.

While boxing and wrestling promotions have been bought by various radio and television companies, this is the first time that a broadcasting concern has acquired stock in a fight club.

The CBS was the only one in New York that had no fight broadcast or fight television and by buying into the Tournament of Champions, the company placed itself in a position to meet its rivals on even terms.

The partnership recalls the plans of Jack Dempsey when, in combination with a big movie outfit, he attempted to purchase the land adjoining the Paramount Theatre in New York, to build an arena that would house boxing and wrestling, the aim being to have the building used solely for televising sports, especially boxing. The plan fell through, however, but now those in the fight game are wondering whether the Columbia Broad-

casting venture isn't the start of a movement to have the television companies take over boxing. It might happen.

With the increase in outlets and purchase of sets, it won't be long before video companies will be in a position to fulfill Mike Jacobs' dream of staging world championship fights without regard for the gate.

Television may reap a rich harvest by selling ring video to theatres either on a flat sum or a percentage basis. Thus the companies could well afford to pay fighters like Joe Louis fabulous sums or make the champion a partner in the television venture.

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SOUTH AFRICAN boxing fans experienced as big a shock when their popular fistic hero, Johnny Ralph, who was regarded as a sure winner, was knocked out by Freddie Mills in the eighth round at Johannesburg, as did the Republicans when their standard bearer, Gov. Dewey, fell before Harry Truman in the presidential election. For months letters have been pouring into the office of THE RING regarding the prowess of Ralph. One such letter arriving a week before the fight, severely reprimanded THE RING Editor for his failure to take proper cognizance of Ralph's position in the ratings and bodly remarked:

"After our great Ralph knocks out Mills, you probably will be aware of the fact that South Africa has the next world heavyweight king in Johnny."

That's an excellent spirit. I admire the fellow who boosts his own stock and so informed the writer but also informed him that from what Americans who have seen Ralph fight in Johannesburg have conveyed to me, Johnny may be good enough to lick the stuffings out of every heavyweight contender in South Africa but it would be a pity to send him at this stage to America to compete against the ranking fighters of our country, poor as they are. The Mills test was the first important one Ralph faced and the result speaks for itself.

Unfortunately South Africans have judged American and British top-notchers by the poor calibre of U. S. battlers who have been shipped to Johannesburg as so-called top-flight boxers but who in this country fail to figure any better than second or third raters. The South Africans have been bamboozled by U. S. agents who for their share of the dough they collect from the men they send to Johannesburg, pick has-beens, fighters who have quit in the States and are willing to make a comeback in South Africa. Because of the calibre of these men, who make poor showings against the Native talent, South Africans have misjudged the ability of their own top talent.

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A FEW weeks ago, Fritzie Zivic, who has "retired" three times, each "permanently," and once because Abe Greene, then president of the National Boxing Association, wrote to Fritzie; "You're an old fire horse responding to the sound of the bell," and urged the Pittsburgher to hang up his gloves before it is too late. But Zivic refuses to heed the advice of his friends and recently in his latest comeback, he fought a draw with Eddie Steele of Macon then announced that he is being booked for a trip to Johannesburg and will probably take with him his three fighters, Juste Fontaine, a lightweight; Jackie Watkins, another lightweight; and Chuck Gibbons, a welterweight. What the Johannesburg fans can gain by booking Fritzie is something the promoters might be holding as a secret from the American followers of the sport who hope that Fritzie will quit boxing before he suffers physical injury.

With few exceptions, every fighter sent to South Africa in the past two years by U.S. managers, has seen his better days. It behooves the Johannesburg fans not to disillusion themselves by thinking that such boys represent the true calibre of American ringmen. They are all dubbed as of "championship calibre" until they are stopped or sadly whipped by ordinary fighters in a foreign land.

By this time Johnny Ralph and his admirers who number into the thousands will have realized that their boy wasn't the world beater they thought him to be because of his victories over second rate talent, the kind that would be knocked cold by any of our first twenty heavyweights or even light-heavyweights. National pride is a worthy asset, but like the Dewey followers in our recent national election, it is likely to lead to over-confidence, cockiness and ultimate rout.

Perhaps by now our South African readers will curtail their assault on THE RING Editor "for his lack of foresight in not giving to Johnny Ralph the high position among the first ten rated boxers which his fine record deserves."

Nothing would please THE RING Editor more than to be in a position to list Ralph and any other foreigners among the top men of boxing, but THE RING rankings are based on ability and not on mere victories against ordinary men.

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"ON AGIN, off agin, Finnegan," fits well the case of Joe Louis, the king of heavyweights. When he gained his last triumph over Jersey Joe Walcott he announced over the air, "This is my last fight. This is for you mother. I'll never fight again."

His announcement was taken seriously by the majority of sports critics and the public generally, but not by THE RING Editor. In a special article released through all the news syndicates and published in this magazine, I announced that regardless of Joe's statement he would fight again either in the fall or next summer and that Gus Lesnevich or Joe Baksi were the men whom he would be pleased to meet.

This statement followed an interview with the Brown Bomber and the following day Joe denied that he had seen me or spoken to me and that his statement made over the air to his mother held good. "I shall never fight again and I mean every word of it," said Joe to the Associated Press and United Press when asked to comment on my article.

But I stood by my guns. I knew whereof I was speaking and I wanted no argument with the world champion who was trying to discredit me.

Then what happened! In an effort to help the Twentieth Century Sporting Club fight its battle with the newly organized Tournament of Champions, Inc., Joe, pal of Mike Jacobs, gathered the newspapermen a few weeks later in Uncle Mike's office and there issued the following statement:

"I have just informed Mike Jacobs and Harry Markson,

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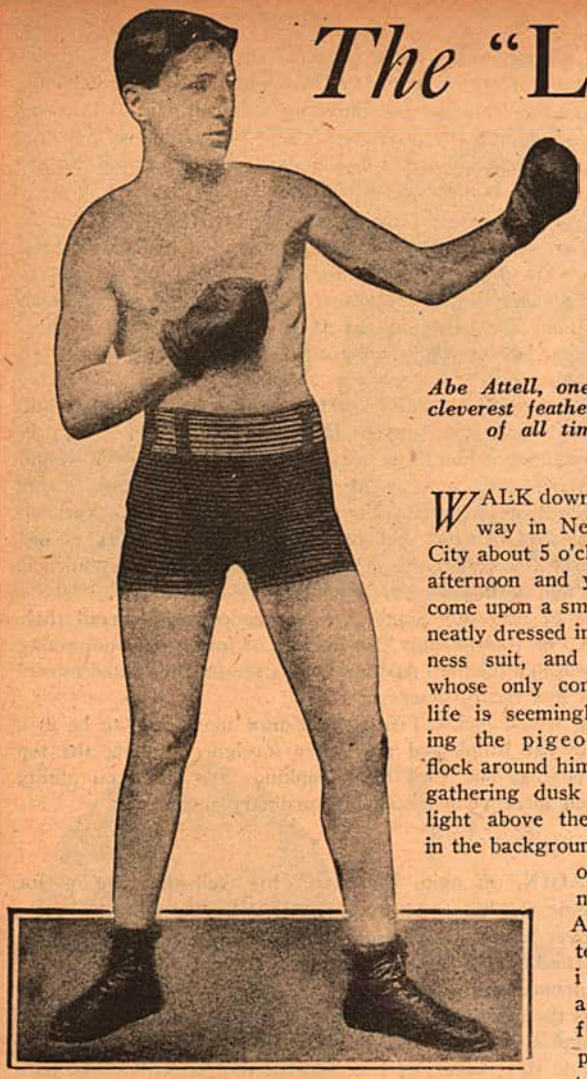
Gracie Fields, the Rochdale songbird, places THE RING *Belt around the waist of Peter Kane. Both Peter and Jackie Paterson gained possession of these trophies when they won the world flyweight title during the war. Gracie Fields, world renowned comedienne, consented to represent Nat Fleischer, the donor.*

The "LITTLE CHAMP" ANALYSES BOXING ILLS



Abe Attell, one of the cleverest featherweights of all time.

By AL BUCK

WALK down Broadway in New York City about 5 o'clock any afternoon and you will come upon a small man, neatly dressed in a business suit, and hatless, whose only concern in life is seemingly feeding the pigeons that flock around him. In the gathering dusk a neon light above the saloon in the background spells out the name of Abe Attell. Step inside and ask for the proprietor, and the bartender points to the man on the sidewalk—the fellow feeding the pigeons.

The "Little Champ" is what Abe Attell calls himself. He was world featherweight champion for a dozen years. The late Damon Runyon called him "one of the five greatest fighters of all time." What the pigeons call him, only Abe knows, for with them, he says, he has a perfect understanding.

There were many great fighters in Attell's time. Perhaps, he might have an opinion on the alarming lack of ring talent in our more modern age? The question was asked over a drink at Abe's bar and the Little Champ replied:

"The boxing commissions."

In previous articles in THE RING, I have presented the views of Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney on the subject that is of grave concern to boxing promoters everywhere. Jack blamed the G.I. Bill of Rights for drying up the stream of fistic talent, while Gene believed that the amateurs were not developing the prospects as they should. If for no other reason than that it was different, Attell's opinion was interesting.

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"I'LL agree that there aren't any fighters coming along. You don't need glasses to see that," Abe declared. "There's a reason for it, of course. Place the blame where it belongs. At the door of the boxing commissions.

"In the first place the commissions will license any bricklayer who says he is a manager. In the second place, they'll license any plumber who says he is a second. If you're building a house, a bricklayer and a plumber can be useful citizens but that doesn't mean that they're qualified to teach and develop a fighter.

"Take a look at the present day managers. Know one who can teach a fighter anything? Jimmy Johnston could and so could Billy McCarney. Jimmy boxed briefly as a professional and the Old Professor did some boxing in college. The only thing the present-day managers are expert at, is percentage. They know how to cut a fighter's purse.

"Some of the seconds the commissions license are even worse than the managers. Any Friday night in Madison Square Garden you'll see a second wash out the fighter's mouthpiece in the same pail in which he has the sponge. That's not sanitary, to say the least, and when I see a second wipe a cut with a towel he's had tossed over his shoulder, I shudder.

"My seconds always had to carry a half dozen handkerchiefs to be used in case I was cut about the eyes.

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"SECONDS today throw water all over the fighter. That cools him off all right. It also slows him down. Any athlete has to work up a sweat before he can perform at his best. Pouring water over him defeats that purpose and he has to start all over again.

"Sure there are some good seconds, fellows like Ray Arcel and Whitey Bimstein and Charley Goldman, for example, but the majority received their license because they demonstrated that they were strong enough to carry a pail.

"In the years when there were great fighters, there were great seconds. Fellows like Tim McGrath, Spider Kelly, Jimmy DeForest, Doc Bagley, Jack Kearns among others. Joe Jacobs was a great second, as he demonstrated when he jumped into the ring and claimed the heavyweight title for Max Schmeling on a foul and got away with it. How many seconds today would have the nerve little Joey possessed to do that in a world heavyweight title bout?

"When it comes to training a fighter, conditions are even worse. If a kid can't pick up knowledge of boxing himself, nobody tries to show him. Go to Stillman's gym any day. A couple of fighters are thrown into the ring and told to box three or four rounds. From then on, they're ignored.

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"WHY do you think so many good boxers came out of San Francisco around 1900? I'll tell you. Because Alex Greggains was the boxing instructor at the San Francisco Athletic Club. He taught me, and Jimmy Britt and Frankie Neil and Ned Hanlon. Those names mean something big in boxing to you, don't they?

"I began boxing as an amateur—four rounds for 15 dollars—and I learned my trade. In the beginning I was rough and ready and tried to knock out everybody I fought. I won my first five professional fights by knockouts. Then I discovered I was getting hit too much. So I decided to learn to box.

"That's one of the troubles with the fighters today. All they think about is the money to be made. They forget that they have to learn their trade to make the money. That's not true of all of them. Ike Williams, the lightweight champion, is an exception.

"Every now and then Ike drops into my place here, and we go into the back room and he asks me different things about boxing. I try to tell him and help him. I imagine he goes to other people and asks the same things. Then he works out his problems in the gym. That's why Ike Williams is one of our greatest champions. He's interested in his work.

"I know you've heard stories of my having played cards all night and all day until just before I went into the ring. They're true, but those things happened late in my career. When I was a youngster I was very serious about boxing," Attell declared as he ordered another drink.

"Do you know that I never had a drink before Prohibition, and that I've never smoked," Abe continued. "When I was a fighter I used to get up at 7.30 and have breakfast a half hour later. It consisted of soft boiled eggs, toast and tea. Starting at 9.30, I'd go on the road for five or seven miles. I'd have a rubdown when I came back.

"Lunch consisted of soup, roast beef, toast and tea. Then I'd hang around until 3 o'clock when I'd go to the gym. I'd box, pull the pulleys, do body exercises, skip rope and loosen up. Then I'd dip my hands in beef brine. I'd also rub the brine on my face and body to toughen them. Boxing was a serious business with me.

"I'd have dinner at six o'clock. A big steak and a salad. Perhaps, a dish of ice-cream. I'd have another cup of tea. Then I'd play cards until 10 o'clock. I was never up later than 10:30 in those days.

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"ANOTHER thing that's wrong with the way fighters train today is the head guards they wear in the gym. You never see one of them throw off a left jab in training. They just duck their head into the jab knowing that it will land on the head guard and won't hurt or cut them.

"Once they're in the ring they do the same thing from habit. That's why you see so many cut eyes these days. And you seldom see any clever boxers anymore. I haven't seen a fighter who knows how to feint an opponent out of position since Gene Tunney and Tommy Loughran retired.

"Nobody knows how to get away from punches these days like Bushy Graham and Tony Canzoneri did when they were active. That's because nobody knows how to teach the kids who are around today. And that's due to the careless way the commissions hand out licenses. Part of it may be the fault of the laws, but much of it is also due to faulty administration on the part of the politically appointed commissioners. Tony had a good teacher in Sammy Goldman who rated among the top men in handling fighters.

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"I'M going to begin with the lack of interest. The law that keeps kids out of fight clubs until they reach a certain age is wrong. What are they being protected from? There isn't a kid today who can't see a fight on television. Barring 'em from a fight club is just foolish when the fight is going to be thrown right into his parlor by video.

"The commissions refuse to let a kid box before he's 18 years old. Do you know how great golfers are developed? They're developed as caddies when they're eight, nine and 10 years old. I'm all for the Police Athletic League and the boxing bouts it conducts for youngsters.

"The boxing commissions say a boxer can't go 10 rounds until he's 21 years old. Still they'll let fellows 34 and 35 years old fight 15 rounds. The chances of those veterans getting killed is greater than the possibility of a 16 year old kid getting hurt. When I was 17, I was fighting 20 rounds. So were fellows like Jimmy Britt and Jimmy Walsh.

"Do you want to know why fighters get killed? One reason is that they aren't trained properly, and the reason they aren't trained properly is that the commissions will license anybody who comes along and says he's either a manager or a second.

"Another reason is when a man is knocked down the referee shouts the count into his ear. He wakes the fighter up, and when he staggers to his feet at nine he's in no condition to continue. Again the blame rests with the commissions for not instructing the officials how to handle a fight.

"Most of the officials owe their jobs to political connections. They may not be capable referees and judges, but they can be relied upon to vote a straight ticket every other November. That's true in New York and almost everywhere else in the U. S.

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"I'M not one of those who lives in the good old days. I'm in business and I'm active. Naturally I'm interested in boxing," Attell asserted. "I'm aware that there aren't any young fighters coming along. I'm not sure how the situation is to be corrected, but I do know that the responsibility rests with the boxing commissions. They haven't been doing their jobs.

"Of all the champions I've seen, Fitzsimmons was least inclined to consider seconds valuable aides to a fighter. I disagree in that respect. I think that a good second is worth his weight in gold to a fighter, especially to a youngster who shows promise and looms as a fine prospect. Such a fellow can be brought along to a position of prominence in the ring if handled properly in his early battles.

"Fitzsimmons was fond of asserting that seconds were apt to be a nuisance. He said, and not without truth, that on many occasions he saw fighters of promise being so man-handled by their seconds, that the fighter lost not because of his lack of ability or fighting qualities but through the general interference of his seconds. Those officious seconds had helped defeat their charge.

"Anyone who has seen a trio of 'know-it-alls' in a fighter's corner, as I have seen in recent contests in Madison Square Garden and in the St. Nicholas Rink, deluging the fighter with unnecessary streams of water, out-talking each other as they pour contrary words of unnecessary wisdom into his bewildered ears, will agree with the Fitzsimmons viewpoint in that respect. Fortunately we have some capable seconds or boxing would be in the dumps deeper than it now is.

"Of course that sort of thing doesn't happen where the stars of pugilism are concerned. They at least are handled by capable men who know their business or wouldn't be hired to work in the corner of a title-holder. Yet I know several cases where even champions have been handicapped by the work of clumsy seconds and that's why I say the boxing commissions of our country are to blame for much of the troubles of boxing.

"No license should be given without a thorough knowledge by the boxing boards that the man to whom such a second's license is granted, knows his stuff. Fitz once told me a story of how, in his early days, an agitated second nearly induced him to drink out of an ammonia flask instead of out of the water bottle. One could therefore understand his prejudice against seconds.

"It would be difficult to overestimate the value of Blackburn's services to Louis. A really great fighter himself, Blackburn had formidable opposition then. Twice, as a lightweight, he held Joe Gans even in six-round bouts, and dropped a close fifteen-round decision to him. As a welter, he drew with Sam Langford in twelve- and fifteen-round battles; and while still in that class took on middleweight Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and broke even in a six-round, no decision contest.

"There never was a shrewder ring general, and nobody will deny his mental acuteness, in the role of a second. How many such efficient seconds have we got today. Some fighters aren't always efficient men in a corner. Bob Fitzsimmons, for example, was a poor second and a worse referee, and whenever Jim Corbett went behind a scrapper, that poor sucker never had any luck, and there have been many others.

"But Blackburn proved himself every whit as intelligent in an advisory capacity as when he was combining serious thinking with fighting on his own account. No fighter was ever in finer accord with a chief second, than Louis with Blackburn. The champion has always trusted Jack implicitly and there can be no doubt that much of Joe's success was due to following out faithfully the campaign plans outlined by that sagacious mentor. Eminently serviceable and great in accomplish- *(Continued on page 38)*

Abe Attell's Greatest

Heavyweight—James J. Jeffries
Light-heavyweight — Philadelphia Jack O'Brien
Middleweight—Stanley Ketchel
Welterweight—Tommy Ryan
Lightweight—Joe Gans
Featherweight—Terry McGovern
Bantamweight—George Dixon

PROMOTIONAL RIVALRY PEPS UP BOXING

By TED CARROLL

IN most sports, wars between rival promoters or leagues can be disastrous, as witness the present struggle between the two pro football outfits which threatens to put the paid gridders out of business. Years ago hostilities between the newly born American League and the established National League got so hot that the baseball moguls forced each other into a truce out of which developed the World's Series, baseball's biggest show.

In the fight game the reverse is true. Promotional rivalry peps up boxing as does nothing else. Invariably the fans and fighters benefit, sometimes the operators take a belting around but they are the ones best able to afford it. The current skirmish between the Tournament of Champions and the 20th Century Sporting Club is already acting as a tonic to the business as the rivals attempt to outbid and outmaneouver each other. Each outfit has agents scurrying around the world in an attempt to flush out undiscovered talent.

The present struggle is shaping up as a titanic one with the T. of C.'s apparently unlimited resources buttressed by a tie up with powerful Columbia television and radio interests.

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DURING Tex Rickard's long reign as the promotional kingpin, pretenders to the throne popped up ever so often. Old Tex was a benevolent dictator. The heavyweight championship he wanted for his own. He never extended his hold completely over the lighter classes, nor did he worry too much about the activities of other promoters among the little fellows. His Madison Square Garden organization kept a strangle hold on the big title that lasted almost two decades.

During that period, roughly from 1919 until Mike Jacobs took the helm in boxing, the most formidable challenge to the Garden's grip came from Humbert (Jack Lee) Fugazy. Today, one hears little of Jack Fugazy, who is still around and looking very well, but 20 years ago he was a real big shot, and a formidable man in the boxing business.

An ex-fighter himself, Fugazy during the years 1925 through 1929 proved himself a fight promoter of ability as he gave the powerful Garden some lively competition. Fans and fighters benefited from his activities. Most of his shows drew well. His admission rates were usually lower than the Garden's and the fighters were well paid.

Fugazy's masterpiece was undoubtedly the big fight between Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach held at Brooklyn's Ebbets Field in 1926 for the world's light-heavyweight championship. This set a record for gate receipts with $161,789 and made the Italian promoter one of the outstanding sporting figures of the time.

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FUGAZY had been inaugurated into the promotional end of the ring game the previous year when he staged one of the stand-out fight shows of the era, the super-duper Italian Hospital Fund card which featured one of the all-time classics of the ring, the legendary match between Mickey Walker and Harry Greb. Supplementing this epic contest, Fugazy had presented Harry Wills and Charley Weinert plus Jimmy Slattery and Dave Shade in a special six rounder.

That program, which startles fans of today, hasn't been surpassed since. Not only that, the charity wound up with $100,000 after all the returns were in.

This established Fugazy as a worthy rival for even Rickard, and Jack lost little time following up his advantage. Using Ebbets Field as his base of operations, the Greenwich Village banker came back a few months after the Delaney-Berlenbach battle in 1926 with another successful offering, featuring Harry Wills and Jack Sharkey. This attracted more than 40,000 people, placed Sharkey in the limelight and ended Wills' long term as the Dark Menace.

An instinctive showman, Fugazy had a flair for foreign fighters, and in the next few years brought such overseas luminaries as Paulino, Andre Routis, Fred Bretonnel, Francis Charles, Vic Campolo, Roberto Roberti and Phil Scott into the Brooklyn ball yard. Few recall that he had first crack at Max Schmeling when the German first showed up here back in 1928 but lost out in the managerial tangles in which the German was always involved in those days. A smooth operator, Fugazy might have supplanted Rickard and the Garden in New York City but for the lack of an indoor arena, the one great advantage the Garden has always enjoyed over all interlopers.

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AS far back as 1928 Fugazy had ideas about big George Godfrey similar to those that flashed through Mike Jacobs' noggin when he first glimpsed Joe Louis. An outcast among heavyweights of that era, the old Leiperville Shadow as Godfrey was called, headlined twice for Fugazy over in Ebbets Field. George looked o.k. disposing of big Monte Munn without much trouble but fizzled against Johnny Risko and was promptly written off—regretfully by Fugazy—joyously by the other heavies of the time.

He staged numerous title bouts, crossing the river into the Polo Grounds from his Brooklyn bailiwick to put on the Pete Latzo-Joe Dundee affair for the welterweight crown in 1927. Jack Delaney, a truly great fighter in those days, was Fugazy's ace in the hole. He showed Delaney vs. Bud Gorman in a Jersey City Armory back in 1926.

One of the most thrilling bouts he ever came up with was provided by Sid Terris and Phil M'Graw back in 1927. The Detroit Greek had Sidney on the canvas in the first round but the New Yorker came back to win with a hysterical mob yelling itself hoarse throughout.

Fugazy has often confessed that his biggest disappointment came from big Vic Campolo. This gangling South American, imported by Fugazy had Jack in ecstasies when he stopped Tom Heeney for him back in 1929 but the bubble burst with a loud pop when Phil Scott outfumbled the Argentinian in Ebbets Field the same summer.

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ANDY NEIDERREITER, who has been tilting with the Monopolists for a long time, joined forces with Fugazy back in '29. Fugazy was fortunate in that the fights he staged were usually good from the spectators' standpoint. These included such matches as Tod Morgan vs. Steve Kid Sullivan, Tommy Loughran vs. Young Stribling, Paulino Uzcudun vs. Harry Wills, Stan Loayza vs. Bruce Flowers, Young Corbett vs. Sgt. Sammy Baker, Andre Routis vs. Al Singer, Loughran vs. Pete Latzo, Roberto Roberti vs. Johnny Risko along with the others mentioned previously.

A glance at this lineup of names, most of them champs or near-champs, reveals that Jack Fugazy was certainly no small timer as a promoter. Furthermore, he gained a prior right to the services of many of the best fighters of the time and brought a series of matches over to Brooklyn's Ebbets Field which was indeed noteworthy.

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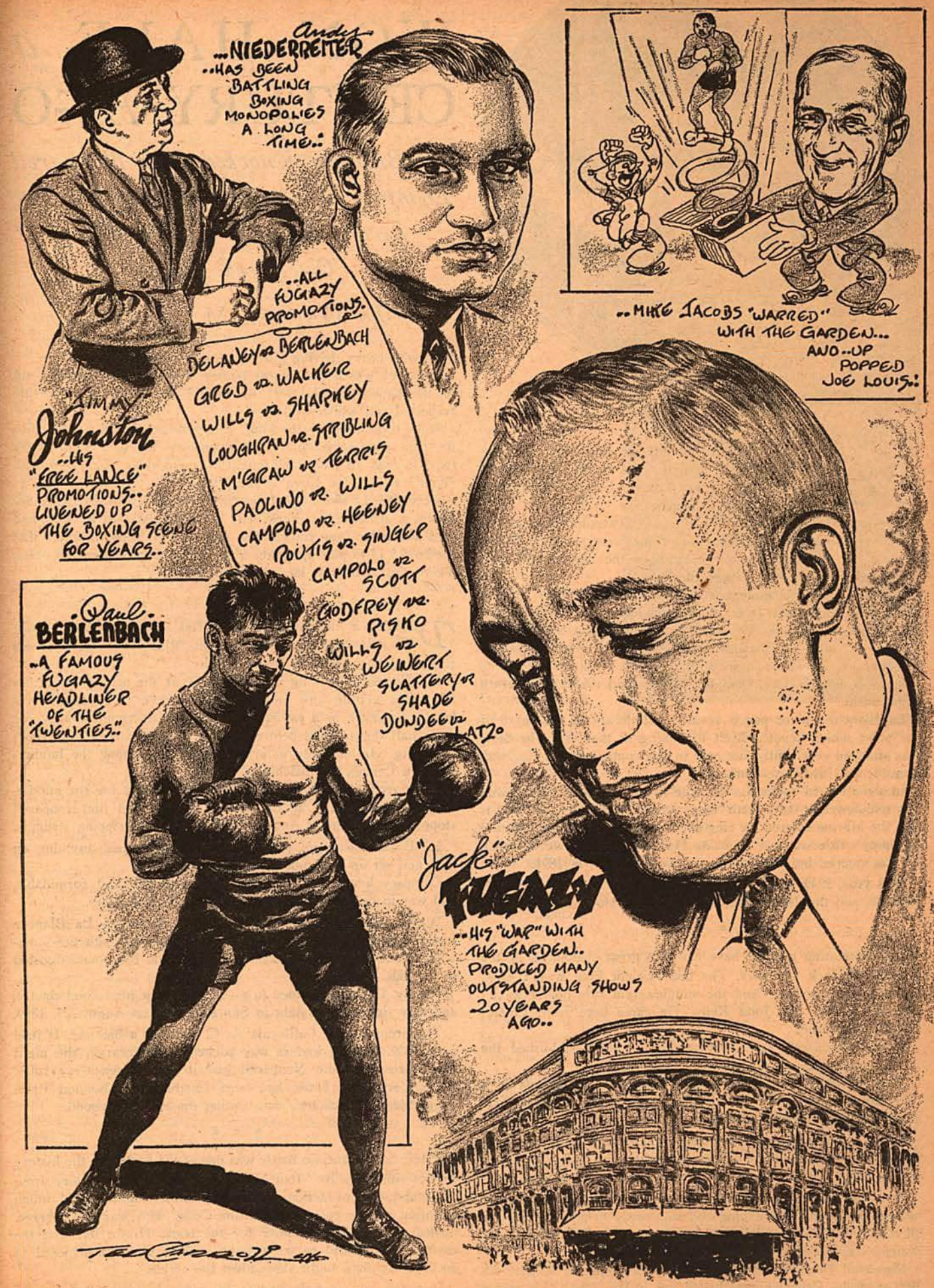
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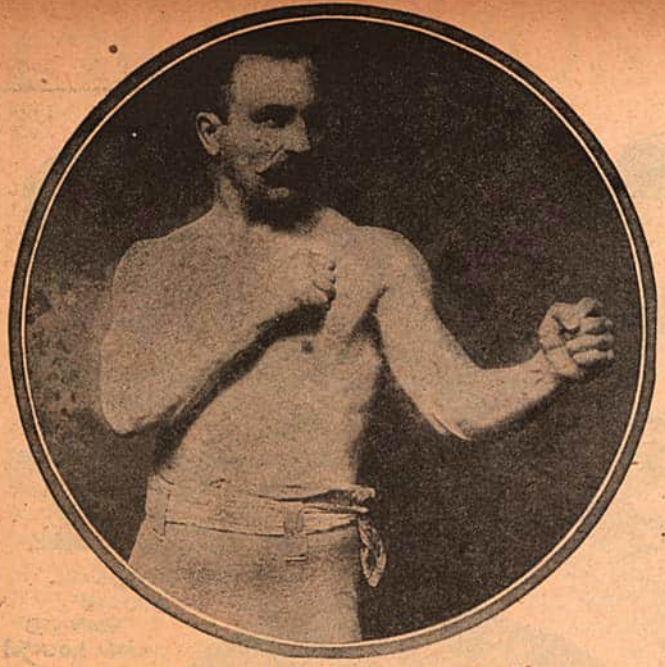

George La Blanche, the man who made the pivot punch famous.

DEADLY PIVOT WON HALF *a* CENTURY AGO

La Blanche Knocked Out Nonpareil Dempsey at San Francisco in Thirty-Second Round in 1889, With Outlawed Punch

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

AS we thumb our way through the history of boxing, we find that certain fights stand out with particular emphasis and allure because they were marked by special punches.

For example, the battle in which Bob Fitzsimmons wrested the heavyweight title from Jim Corbett at Carson City on March 17, 1897, is especially famous because of the highly advertised solar plexus blow which settled the issue.

We find that the famous corkscrew punch devised by Kid McCoy was a strong factor in his achieving the welterweight title by a knockout over Tommy Ryan in 15 rounds, in 1896.

The pivot blow was demonstrated with deadly effect by George La Blanche, the Marine, in 1899, at San Francisco, when he stopped Nonpareil Jack Dempsey in the 32nd round in a return engagement.

La Blanche's pivot punch aroused hot debate in that part of the press which devoted itself to boxing in that era. The blow was attacked vehemently, not only in this country but in England, as well, and justly was outlawed.

In some record books, La Blanche is credited with having won the middleweight title with that punch. However, the fact is that the Marine entered the ring overweight, and as a consequence Dempsey's title was not at stake. He did lose it, however, when he was stopped by Fitzsimmons at New Orleans in 1891.

This year, 1949, marks the 50th anniversary of the La Blanche triumph, and the demonstration of the pivot blow.

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IT is interesting that we have had two great champions by the name of Jack Dempsey. The heavyweight king wasn't Jack, but William Harrison. And the middleweight title holder wasn't Dempsey at all, but John Kelly. He came here from County Kildare in Ireland.

It was Nonpareil Jack Dempsey who really established the middleweight class as a formidable division.

Tom Chandler, who beat Dooney Harris in 23 rounds in a bare knuckle scrap in San Francisco in 1867, was the first accredited middleweight champion in this country.

In 1872, with Chandler unable to make the weight, George Rooke assumed the laurels. He was beaten by Mike Donovan, who in 1882 quit the ring and became a boxing instructor.

Two years later, George Fulljames of Toronto announced that he was the middleweight king and was ready to prove it against all challengers. George failed to last beyond his first fight as the pretender to the throne.

Nonpareil Dempsey met Fulljames in Toronto on August 30, 1884, and the Canadian was belted out in the 22nd. This was a fight with heavy driving gloves, an unusual sort of go.

Dempsey was a truly great fighter, and lifted the division out of the haphazard class. It was the Celt who made the title respected and worth while.

Once recognized as the king, Dempsey proceeded to embellish the title with some notable achievements. He beat Tom Barry twice in 1885. In 1887, Jack fought his memorable 45-rounder with Johnny Reagan on Long Island.

December 13 was the date of this fight, and a tough December that was around New York. The battle was started in snow and cold and after four rounds, the ring was so deep in water that the boys had to pull up stakes and move the scene some 20 miles. There the Nonpareil landed the knockout.

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DEMPSEY did little fighting in 1888. Meanwhile, the French-Canadian, La Blanche, real name Blais, from Quebec, was coming along in the 160 pound division.

George made his ring debut in 1882, at the age of 26, rather late to be getting into the business. However, La Blanche had been a scrapper in a rather unofficial and unorganized way for some half dozen years before he ever climbed through the ropes of a ring. He had been a formidable fighter among the lumberjacks in Canada and Michigan.

On March 14, 1886, La Blanche met Dempsey for the middleweight championship at Larchmont, N. Y., and the Nonpareil stopped his man in 13 rounds. It was a vicious, ripping struggle.

La Blanche was not satisfied that Dempsey had anything on him, and set up a clamor for a return fight.

Dempsey knew that La Blanche was strong and formidable, and was in no hurry to tangle with the Marine again.

While waiting for his second shot at Dempsey, La Blanche scored one knockout after another as he blew through the somewhat nondescript crew which operated in the 160 pound division in the '80s.

Finally, Dempsey decided to give La Blanche his second chance, and they signed up to fight in San Francisco on August 27, 1889.

The arena of the California A. C. was not a big one. It held only 2000 persons, and it was packed to suffocation the night the Marine and the Nonpareil had it out, Queensberry rules. Their Larchmont battle had been fought under London Prize Ring rules, a knockdown constituting the end of a round.

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THE San Francisco battle was one of the foulest in the history of the ring. By "foul" I do not mean unsatisfactory from the standpoint of action. However, neither fighter paid much attention to the rules and Hiram Cook, who was the referee, turned out to be no stickler for the book. Hiram felt that the customers had paid to see a fight, and he was not disposed to do anything that might slow down the action.

In those days, a fight had to be under London rules for the

title to be involved. In addition, La Blanche failed to make the then middleweight limit of 154, while Dempsey entered the ring at 151.

Dempsey was a 10 to 4 favorite to repeat when they clambered through the ropes, with Dan Costigan and Dave Campbell handling the title holder and Professor Donaldson and Marty Murphy taking care of La Blanche.

The crowd of 2000 was no ordinary turnout. The California A. C. did not cater to the mob. Financiers, judges, prominent lawyers, politicians, state, local and national office holders—all turned out in the expectation of seeing at least as vicious a fight as the Marine and the Nonpareil had fought back East. They got even better, and more of it, as this contest lasted 1 hour and 27 minutes.

Before going into the details of the fight, let me explain the pivot blow.

La Blanche had learned this punch in the lumber camps. He pivoted on his left heel, and swung the left arm, held out stiff, at full length.

The Marine's drive hit Dempsey flush on the jaw, and he fell as if he had been skulled by a bung starter. The time-keeper counted twelve, and he could have counted another dozen before a distrait Dempsey tottered to his feet and staggered at La Blanche, imploring him to give him a return fight.

When the Marine promised to meet Jack again, the loser was beside himself with joy.

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LA BLANCHE and Dempsey never met again. The Marine gave up a highly profitable saloon in San Francisco to become a wandering fighter, and gradually sank into the ranks of the stumblebums.

Within a short time after his amazing triumph over Dempsey, La Blanche was knocked out by one George Kessler in Butte, in 13 heats. That was the finish of the Marine as a great fighter.

Although he had lost, Dempsey had started George down the toboggan slide. John Barleycorn had plenty to do with the Marine's downfall. He died on May 3, 1918, in the Lawrence (Mass.) Hospital, a public charge.

For 30 rounds, that fight in San Francisco was a draw. First one, then the other, got the edge. But there were rallies and counter rallies, constant shouts of "Foul," hisses and cheers, as the tide of battle shifted. After 1 hour 20 minutes of action, neither fighter could claim an advantage.

Finally, in the 32nd, it wasn't the pivot blow alone that counted. Dempsey had been a bit careless in training. He had been so confident that he could dispose of the Marine as decisively and as quickly as he had taken care of him in Larchmont.

La Blanche, on the other hand, had trained for this fight as he never had trained before. Never again was he to show the fine condition he boasted in the California A. C. roped square. That advantage in the weights didn't hurt George, either.

The men wore four ounce gloves. In those days, they were called "big" gloves. Dempsey was accustomed to lighter leather, and he later complained that he had been handicapped by the Queensberry rules.

Dempsey looked like a winner in the 17th, when he floored La Blanche with a right to the neck. But the Marine rallied out of this and gave at least as good as he received until the dramatic denouement in the 32nd.

La Blanche slipped to the floor in the second. In the fourth, he staggered the Nonpareil and in the fifth, he threw him. Dempsey was staggered again in the eighth, and thrown again in the ninth. The arena was a bedlam as the Nonpareil's backers kept shouting "Foul" and Referee Cook kept the fight going, nevertheless.

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IN the 31st round La Blanche sensed that his opponent could not keep taking it very much longer. George feigned grogginess, but Jack refused to be fooled.

In the 32nd, Dempsey rushed the Marine into his own corner and landed three hard punches to the head. Then La Blanche ripped a left to the neck and then spun around and caught him with a right to the nose.

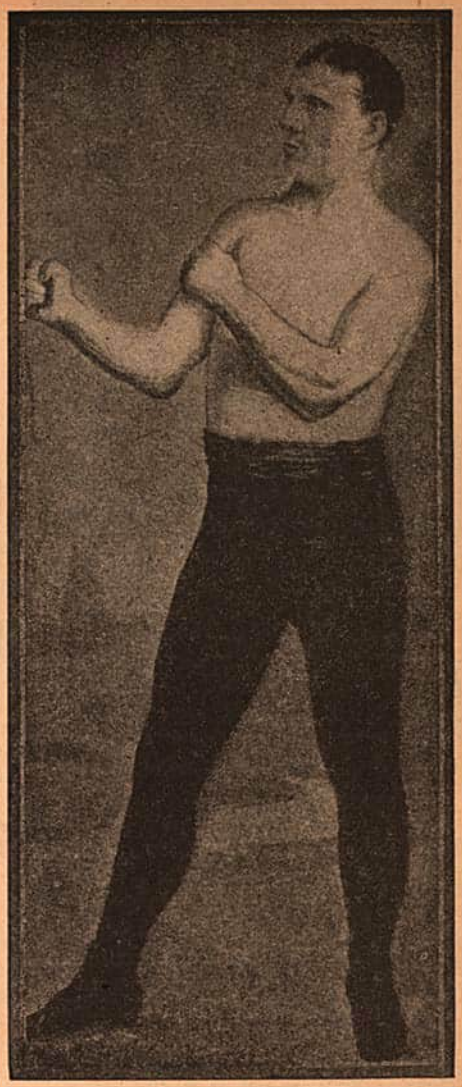
This staggered Dempsey and he did not see what was coming. It was the deadly pivot blow, and the champion hit the boards, while the timekeeper counted up to 12.

Blood was gushing from Dempsey's nose and mouth. Twice he tried to rise, twice he fell back. Whipped, but champion still.

The story of the fight by rounds follows:

Both men sparred cautiously at the start of the first round. Then La Blanche led with his right, and Dempsey cleverly avoided it by stepping backward. La Blanche led again and caught Dempsey lightly on the wind. They clinched.

During the second round La Blanche caught Dempsey on the side, and as they broke the "Nonpareil" landed a stinging right on the Marine's jaw. Another clinch followed and the Marine slipped to the floor. The Dempsey rooters shouted wildly, but the Marine was quickly up again, and in-fighting followed to the end of the round.



Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, the champion who lost his title when hit with the outlawed pivot blow.

In the third round Dempsey caught his man on the neck and got a stiff return on the breast. Then Dempsey staggered his opponent momentarily with a right to the chin. Several lunges were made, but little was done by either man for the remainder of the round.

Dempsey almost went to the floor in the fourth during a clinch and, just before the round ended, caught La Blanche's chin with another hard right. La Blanche forced Dempsey to the ropes in a wild rush.

A clinch took place almost at the start of the fifth round, and Dempsey was thrown to the floor amid a volley of cheers and hisses directed at La Blanche, accordingly as the sounds came from his side or the other.

La Blanche resorted to open wrestling tactics in the next round, when he lifted Dempsey upon his hip and tried to throw him to the floor. That time only hisses greeted the Marine's efforts. Failing in that, he tried several rushes, but they gained little for him. Cries of "Foul" were made by the Dempsey backers, but the referee would not allow the claim.

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LA BLANCHE opened the seventh round with a vicious lunge of his right, but the blow landed lightly on Dempsey's jaw. Just before the round ended he followed with three more to the same spot and got a return from Dempsey in the form of two heavy lefts to the chin.

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Good Club Fighters

By HARVEY THORNE

Robert "Red" Perkins, Manchester, N. H., lightweight.

ROBERT "RED" PERKINS

ROBERT "RED" PERKINS, hard punching lightweight, formerly of Lynn, Mass., but now fighting out of Manchester, N. H., turned pro in the spring of 1946 after campaigning for two years in the simon pures.

His first fight in the sock 'em for pay ranks resulted in Perkins being stopped as the result of a laceration around the eye but then he strung up thirteen straight wins before losing to Jean Barriere of Montreal, Canada, in a ten round feature affair. Perkins went into that bout as a last minute substitute. He was not properly prepared to do his best and the loss affected his mental attitude.

Red went into his 1947 bouts with a feeling of little regard as to the outcome. He would give his best but he wasn't looking toward the future. It was at this point in his career that Eddie Rautenberg urged the New England lightweight to give up boxing, but Red asked for one more chance and Rautenberg and Tony Lenzie, his co-pilots, agreed to give it to him providing he buckled down to some serious training and showed a determination to go places instead of being satisfied with making a buck here and there.

Perkins was out for three months when Eddie received a call from Red.

"I've been training hard and I've done all the things that you wanted. Get me a fight and I'll show you how serious I am about things."

The fight was made and Red made good his promise to show something. He had all his old fire and a new determination manifested itself as he took the measure of Carter Holmes of Worcester.

He has won fourteen out of his last sixteen bouts and seems to be headed for bigger things.

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TONY DEMICCO

WHO hasn't heard of the boxer who started out as a bantamweight and ended up as a heavyweight. It's fairly common in the yarns passed down in boxing lore. But, how often do you hear of a middleweight who becomes a heavyweight and then goes back to a middleweight. That's news and it is exactly what 23-year-old Tony DeMicco of New York and Schenectady has done.

Tony, with two years of college and three years of service in the Atlantic and South Pacific with the Navy, in 1946 joined the professional ranks. While in the Navy he had garnered the North Atlantic middleweight championship and became the terror of the fleet. Then Tony began to over-eat, the old avoirdupois gathered around and Tony went up to a pleasingly plump 218. It was at this point that DeMicco decided to make a career out of the ring. He immediately went into hard training and was down to a middleweight in jigtime.

We asked Tony what he intended to do when he hung up his gloves for good.

"I'd like to be a lawyer and I intend to work toward that end as soon as I've made a little headway in the ring."

"The Fighting Mouthpiece," we timidly suggested.

"That's me," said Tony. "I don't always have to let my fists do the talking.

"The merger between Nick Caputo and I is a union for the purpose of mutual advancement, culminating in the eventual . . . ."

"Whew . . . cease!" I interrupted. "You have dispelled all doubts as to your barristerial ability but tell me what are your immediate pugilistic plans."

"There's my manager," said Tony pointing to Nick Caputo, "whatever he says is good enough for me."

"That's my boy," said Nick. "Did Tony ever tell you he has never been floored in a pro fight? Well he hasn't and give him a little more experience and a chance to perfect some points that need polishing and then you'll be surprised . . . then we'll want a crack at the middleweight champion."

That's Tony DeMicco, a stocky-built powerhouse with a glib tongue and the sense to follow out his manager's suggestions.

Tony hasn't yet hit his stride and has been an in and outer. Recently he pulled a surprise by his technical knockout over Walter Cartier, when he cut Walter's eye necessitating the stoppage of the bout. It was a costly loss to Cartier who was going places when DeMicco cut short his skein of wins. After stopping Walter, Tony met Reuben Jones and was bested in eight and then was held to a draw by Burl Charity.

Fight fans can be sure of one thing with Tony and that is he will be giving everything he has whenever he is in there.

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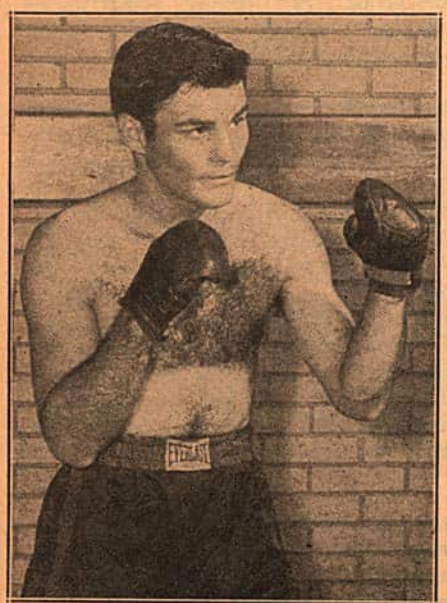
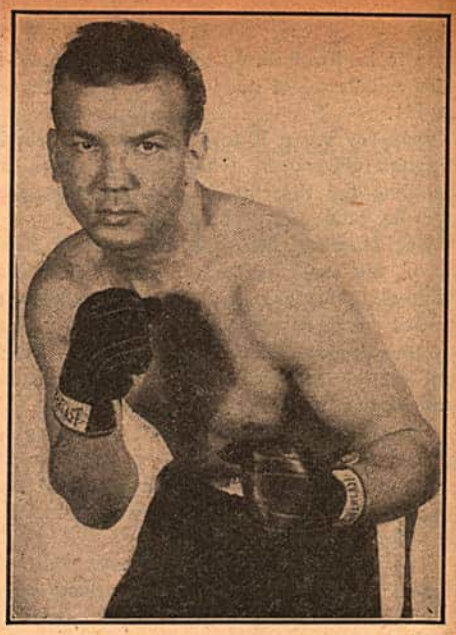
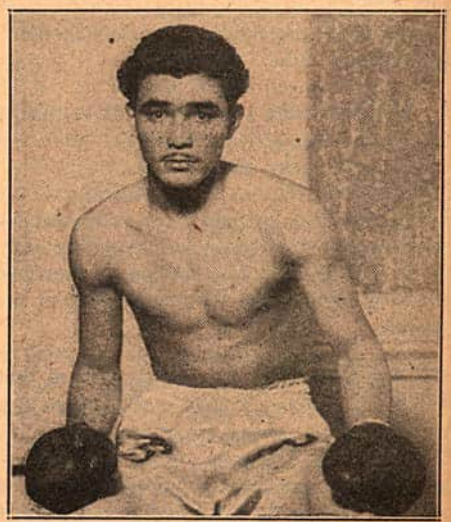


Johnny Miles, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



Tony DeMicco, a busy middleweight who pleases the fans.



Sammy Galvan, Mexican-American featherweight.

NEW FACES

By HARVEY BRIGHT

Jackie Botnovich, the battling welterweight from Rochester, Pa.

JACKIE BOTNOVICH

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD welterweight butcher, Jackie Botnovich, plies his trade in the Rochester, Pa., A&P and in the professional ring. With eight wins out of nine pro bouts, Jackie has shown that he is adept at pounding the meat.

Not only is Jackie a butcher and a boxer but he raises turkeys for a hobby on his farm. When in training he runs the four miles from there to the store and back again each day. He does most of his tuning up on the farm where in addition to his regular routine workouts he pitches hay and accomplishes all the back building tasks so necessary in his work.

Jackie is always in shape and has been firmly attached to ring warfare since he was sixteen. At that age he began his boxing as an amateur and won fifty out of fifty-three contests.

Botnovich turned pro in January, 1948, and has chopped out wins over Mike Lash, Bill Bradley, Billy Malone, and Elmer Jennings. In his entire boxing career he has never been knocked out. He crowds his opponents and forces the fighting which has made him a favorite in Pittsburgh rings.

Eddie Yarosz, brother of the former world middleweight champion, Teddy Yarosz and Tommy Yarosz, current contender for light-heavyweight honors, is handling Botnovich.

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FREDDIE MONFORTE

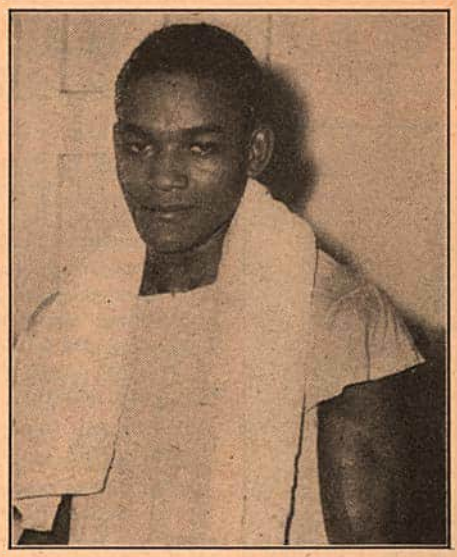
HAVE you ever taken the subway to Brooklyn from New York during the evening rush hours? Busy? Well that's Freddie Monforte, "The Brooklyn Express." He's all over the place, and he seems tireless. A lightweight who is strong and aggressive.

Freddie is only eighteen years old and has plenty of time to develop the ring savvy that will enable him to give without taking so much in return. At this stage of his career he is a good club fighter who sports a better than average punch.

Monforte has won eleven straight contests and his entire record shows twenty fights with only three losses. Incidentally Monforte is "busy" in more ways than one, all twenty of his bouts have been fought in ten months.

Freddie has a personal following that helps the gate at any bistro of swat where he appears.

Nick Baffi, the "Thin Man," manages the Italian-American youngster from across the bridge.



Eddie Cotton, West Coast middleweight, who shows promise.

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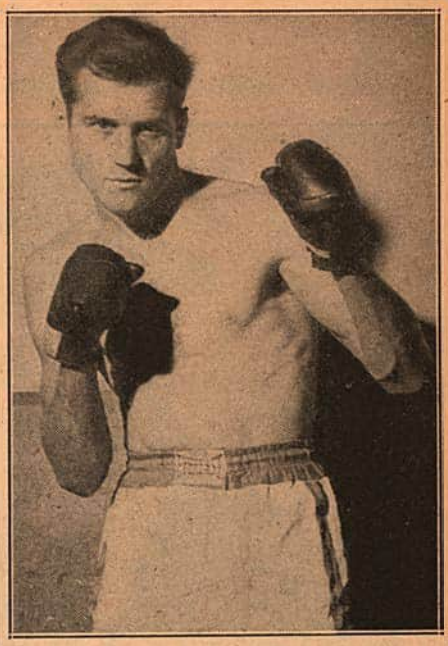
ALLIE GRONIK

A ROUGH, tough lad who began his punching career as soon as he was able to lift a duke, Allie Gronik, a Detroit welterweight, was nominated recently as the welterweight prospect of the month by THE RING.

Only nineteen, Allie started his career in the sock for pay ranks early in 1947. He was defeated in four heats by Ernest Rowell in his pro debut. At that time Gronik was a southpaw. In addition to being a portsider, Allie had the same fighting spirit in the ring that he had on the streets when he was a youngster. Nick Torres withdrew Allie from active competition for a time to alter his style and to develop him into an orthodox boxer.



Allie Gronik, Detroit welterweight.

Back in the mill again after his layoff the Lincoln Park youngster began to compile an impressive list of wins, twelve to be exact, with only one loss, that to Charlie Cotton. Nine of these victories were via the knockout route which attests to Gronik's ability to punch.

In his high school days Allie competed in the school boxing program winning sixteen and losing five. At this point in his career he amassed a list of kayoes in street brawls and it was after one of these that Torres, one of the spectators, drew the kid aside.

"Why waste your time hurting your hands for nothing? . . . If you want to fight so much get into a ring and get paid for your labors."

The advice was sound and Gronik went to work under Torres' tutelage. He has developed into a slam bang slugger reminiscent of Rocky Graziano . . . and he punches like the Rock.

Outside the ring Allie is a quiet lad. Now he confines all of his beak busting to the ring and when inside the roped square he really punches away.

Among those who have tasted defeat at the hands of the granite buster are, Quincy Jackson, Ken Brown, Danny Morgan, Fox Brown, Danny Nolan, Woody Woods, Rocky Slyapick and Bob LaLonde.

From Brooklyn, N. Y., Freddie Monforte, the crowd-pleasing lightweight.

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EDDIE COTTON

EDDIE COTTON, Seattle's middleweight addition to the talent on the West Coast, looks like one of the most

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Intimate Sidelights

By NAT FLEISCHER

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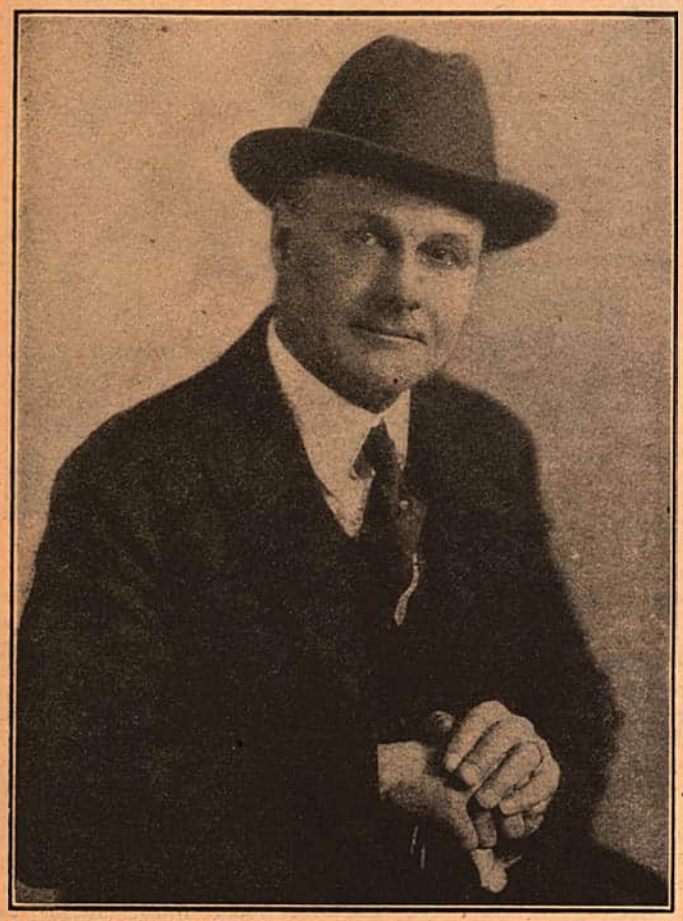

Tex Rickard, the first president of Madison Square Garden, the man who built the great sports arena.

"UNEASY lies the head that wears a crown" applies as aptly to the owner of a pugilistic title as it does to a bona-fide monarch clad in royal purple. It isn't all jam and roses, in the life of a boxer who becomes king of his grade.

Most of the champions age perceptibly, once they get under the wilting glare of "the great white light that beats around the throne." That is, unless they happen to be of the careless, don't-give-a-damn type, that sheds worries as easily as water rolls off a duck's back.

Terry McGovern, who became bantam champion when only a mere lad in his teens, was one of the optimistic breed. He never seemed to feel the weight of the crown that rested on his head. That was because he retained his boyish spirit all through the eventful period when he was one of the most sensational performers that ever ducked under the ropes. The same can be said of Tony Canzoneri, Jimmy McLarnin, Barney Ross, Lou Ambers and Harry Greb when they were champions.

The late Sam Harris, a leading theatrical producer who piloted McGovern to the championship goals of the bantam and feather-weight classes, often remarked that "Terrible" Terry, as he was constantly referred to by the sports scribes, was never more of a happy-go-lucky kid than when all ring patrons were raving over his marvelous kayo feats.

Terry was once starred in a melodrama when he was at the zenith of his fame that played to big houses all over the country. During a Chicago engagement, he slipped away one afternoon from the hotel where he and his manager were staying and went for a stroll by himself.

Harris had arranged for him to hold a pow-wow with some reporters that day. But Terry was heartily sick of interviewers and handshakers, and played hookey much as he used to do in his Brooklyn school days, when a ball game with his gang lured him from the seats of learning.

Strolling aimlessly, he reached the theatre where his name blazed nightly in electric lights and glanced up the alley behind it. His eyes widened at the sight of a bunch of newsboys shooting craps. Up the alley he went, and a few seconds later the undisputed bantam champ of the world was into the game and yelling "come seven" as eagerly as any of the unkempt horde.

The sudden emergence of a big Irish special officer employed by the theatre from the building broke up the play. He had an undying feud with the boys who turned the alley into a rendezvous, and they scattered and ran.

Terry, not knowing the lay of the land, galloped in an opposite direction. The cop singled him out and trapped him in the alley's "blind" end. The champ had had similar experiences during his kid days in Brooklyn, and it was like old times to him.

He ducked under his pursuer's arms and into the back stage entrance. The cop followed and Terry led him a merry chase up-stage, through the wings in the semi-darkness of the place.

But as he dodged around a scenery set, the hunter craftily turned the other way and Terry shot straight into the cop's arms. The man was fighting mad now, and there was no time for explanations which probably wouldn't have been listened to, anyway.

With a sudden twist of his muscular little body, the bantam shook himself free and slammed his world-famous right on the big man's chin. The cop went down as though hit by an exploding shell and lay there knocked into oblivion.

Terry only paused long enough to assure himself that the victim of his wallop was "coming to," and then sneaked hastily back to the hotel.

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THAT night, while standing in the wings awaiting his cue, he spied the "special." The latter sported a big blue bruise on the corner of his jaw where Terry's knuckles had crashed. The champ went over to him.

"Been having a scrap?" he asked, and touched the honorable wound gently.

The cop, not recognizing in the person of the world bantam champ the "fresh kid" who had laid him out, nodded confidentially.

"Faith, an' a harrd schrap ut was," he said. "'Twas two av th' biggest spalpeens av a doomed tough gang wint at me in th' alley behind. Wan av thim got away, but they tuk th' other lad to th' hospital afther Oi got through with him. 'Tis thankful Oi am that he wasn't killed altogether."

"Good work," said Terry. "You're the real stuff. Here's a plaster for your jaw."

He handed him a five dollar bill and hurried away in answer to the stage manager's excited call, and ten minutes later the packed house was shaking to the roars that greeted McGovern's appearance on the stage. He was one of the most popular fighters of all time.

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THE late Tex Rickard probably had the most poorly developed sense of humor of any man who ever rose to fame in the profession. Yet Tex gave the boys many a laugh.

There was the time when, returning *(Continued on page 33)*

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

ONE of the penalties of athletic "fame" is the threat of imposters popping up and cashing in on impersonations. It happens often enough in boxing, but such antics are not confined entirely to this rugged leather-pushing industry. It was only last summer that Julian Wera, one-time New York Yankee, was reported to have committed suicide in Oroville, Calif., where he had been managing one of the minor-league farms of the Boston Red Sox. The real Julian Wera was living in Rochester, Minn., and efforts to establish the identity of his impersonator became quite an exciting news item for several days.

Recently, an ex-boxer was picked up in the Mid-West for passing worthless checks. Investigation cleared him—the guilty party was someone else who had done a convincing job of masquerading with a "borrowed" name and reputation.

We recall, a few years ago, dropping in on a lawyer friend of ours in Baltimore, and being introduced to "Richie Mitchell," who proceeded to relate some interesting tales about his battles with Benny Leonard, Freddie Welsh, Charley White and the other lightweight headliners of his era. We said nothing, but listened attentively. At the first opportunity, we edged our lawyer friend aside.

"What's the pitch?" we asked. "This isn't Richie Mitchell."

"He isn't?" Our friend was genuinely surprised. "I never saw Mitchell fight, or met him personally, but this guy dropped in a few days ago, announced himself as Richie, and asked me to look after some legal matter for him. He looks the part of a fighter, and he talks convincingly. He certainly has all the details of Richie Mitchell's fights down pat. And no one could look more the fighter than he—with bashed-in features and a cauliflower ear."

In parading around as "Richie Mitchell," the imposter overlooked one important fact, which should have been obvious even to the most casual observer. The real Richie Mitchell is as Irish as the Lakes of Killarney; the one in Baltimore had the map of Italy spread all over his corrugated features.

There isn't a moral in this; merely a warning to susceptible villagers—when a guy pops in, tells you he is Kid Doakes, who fought Joe Gans back in '07, or Happy Hooligan, who gave Kid McCoy a lacing in Squedunk, it would be an excellent idea to check on him. He could, of course, be legitimate, but you could grab good odds that he isn't.

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NEW YORK'S fistic scribes suddenly seem to be crashing into the radio sportscasting field. Bob Brumby has himself a spot on WINS, and Lester Bromberg one on WMGM . . . . George (Korn) Kobb, the stentorian gentleman who made so many noises with his promotions in Elizabeth, N. J., has shifted his base of operations to the Mosque Theatre, Newark. A swell layout, with a seating capacity of 4,000 . . . . Getting back to sports broadcasting—Steve Ellis, a Paterson refugee who made good in New York, is doing a fine job on WMCA. Steve has a fine voice, a good delivery, and knows his subjects.

Does anybody stay home in Guam on boxing nights? A recent show, in which Al Chavez kayoed Baby Jackson in three, and Cecil Schoonmaker stopped Gon Ladrazo in six, was attended by 15,000—and the latest figures on Guam's population put the total at 22,290 . . . . Incidentally, a few bouquets to Bill Lujan, who's done a terrific job with his boxing promotions in Guam. He's brought in such topliners as David Kui Kong Young and Dado Marino, as well as Chavez and Schoonmaker.

Maynard Jones, young Wilmington, Del., heavy, hopped along to Binghamton to appear in a benefit for "expenses." He stiffened his opponent in one round—and upon returning to New York learned that the "expenses" cost his manager $25. What price glory!

Henry Hall, the Sheffield 147-pounder, who recently copped the British welterweight title from the ancient Ernie Roderick, is a good bet for American consumption. He's a fine fighter, with a fast, aggressive style that would appeal to the customers here.

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WHEN Bill Daly's Man Friday, Tex Pelte, hopped over to England with Lee Savold for his date with Bruce Woodcock, he toted along their young Canadian lightweight, Solly Cantor. Solly is the type of boxer to go over very well with our British cousins.

That was an interesting feature in the December "Pageant" on the proper way for seconds to handle their fighters. The yarn, starring Lew Burston, Willie Ketchum and Jimmy Bronson, was tabbed "And In This Corner."

With television as terrific opposition, Johnny Attell continues to do a swell job at the Philadelphia Arena. His Ike Williams-Buddy Garcia, Arthur King-Nat Harden card played to a near-capacity crowd of 6,976 and a gate of $19,027.

Since his manager, Seo Holmquist, passed away recently with a heart attack, there is a possibility that Olle Tandberg, the Swedish heavy, may be visiting us again shortly. Strong, willing and aggressive, Tandberg is a lot better fighter than he looked in his Madison Square Garden debut with Joey Maxim. A bit of smart handling, and Olle would do all right here, with the calibre of heavies we have around.

Ye Old Mike Jacobs cohort, Nat Rogers, pulled out of the hospital, after an eye operation, in time to see his son, Teddy, get himself married.

Mushky Jackson is finding his Perth Amboy wrestling promotions conflicting with his job as Mike Jacobs' chauffeur. He's thinking of getting himself an assistant—but where could there possibly be an understudy for a Mushky Jackson?

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SAMMY BERNE, tough southpaw lightweight of the early '20s, who fought Rocky Kansas, Jimmy Goodrich and Pete Latzo, and who was Benny Leonard's chief sparmate during Benny's training sieges for the two bouts with Lew Tendler, is doing all right for himself these days. He is superintendent of the Williamsbridge Post Office in the Bronx.

Note from Earl Puryear, top-ranking bantam of 30 years ago: "Am back in Omaha, after an interesting 35-day jaunt to Denver, Salt Lake City, Reno, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Ran across Joe Rivers, Mushy Callahan and Jack Dempsey in L.A. Saw Lew Powell in 'Frisco; he's running a butcher shop. Jimmy McLarnin is a legend in Vancouver. In Butte, I had a long talk with Montana Jack Sullivan, who still has the gloves he used in his 20-round draw there with Stanley Ketchel. Not much talent here in Omaha. The best we have are Don Lee and Vince Foster. They've fought three times, Lee taking two decisions and the other going to a draw."

On a recent card at Bletchley, England, a kid named Reg Millburn was listed for a preliminary, but his opponent failed to appear. When no other substitute was available, Reg's uncle, Jack, volunteered to fill in, and he gave the youngster a boxing lesson.

After all the years he spent as a member of the Babe Culnan-Willie Gilzenberg organization in Newark, Carmine Bilotti is doing a bang-up job on his own as matchmaker of the Jersey City Garden.

Tip to Natie Brown: That young heavyweight of yours, Neil Wallace, has a good name of his own. There's no need to bill him as "James J. Jeffries, 2nd." From what we've heard of him, the kid is strong enough to stand on his own legs.

Sights Worth Seeing: Our successor to Tom Andrews—rough and ready Charley Bennett, matchmaker of Sunnyside Garden, with his rubbers and umbrella when the weather's not too propitious.

Movie comic Edgar Kennedy, who died recently, was a product of the White Hope era, but before he had much of a chance to prove whether he could, or couldn't, fight he was grabbed by Hollywood. Newspaper dispatches crediting him with having once fought Jack Dempsey were more than slightly awry. Kennedy did his fighting around 1910-1911, and Manassa Jack didn't hove into the scene until 1914. Some writers also seemed to confuse Edgar with Tom Kennedy, likewise a Hollywood standby in recent years. Tom, also a product of the White Hope hysteria, fought Al Palzer, Bombardier Billy Wells and Frank Moran.

An interesting note from Pittsburgh: Two former world champions, and one-time rivals, were in the corners of opposing forces in a recent bout. Sammy Angott handled Al Gaulteri, who whipped Fritzie Zivic's entry, Juste Fontaine.

The fight between Ike Williams and Buddy Garcia in Philadelphia, which ended in a knockout victory for the world lightweight king, would have been awarded to Garcia on a foul in England. The bell had sounded ending the first round and Garcia had turned to go to his corner. Williams started a left hook to the body that landed with terrific force to Buddy's solar plexus, rendering the Texan completely unconscious.

Garcia's seconds had to drag him to his corner and Eddie Walker, his manager, raised a howl with the referee. He demanded that his boy be given the decision on a foul but the referee, quoting the "no-foul" rule in Philadelphia, offered Buddy three minutes' rest. Walker took one look at his charge and realized Buddy would be unable to continue. The referee then declared the champion the winner by a knockout in the first round.

The "no-foul" rule has done wonders for boxing, but a referee should use proper discretion as otherwise the rule is likely to be used as a blind for those seeking to benefit by it. Judging by the television, in Williams' case the foul wallop undoubtedly was delivered accidentally.

One of the real surprises of the early indoor campaign was the two-round kayo hung on Billy Kilroy, 158, Rutherford, N. J., by substitute Richie Dallas, 160, St. Louis, at the White Plains Community Center. Dallas was a short-notice replacement for Art Tatta. In sixes, Fred Monforte, 135½, Brooklyn, outpointed Willie Carrion, 129¼, Bronx, and Wally Doktor, 124, Yorkville, whipped Henry Schillizi, 124, Middle Village. In fours, Walter Haines, 135, Brooklyn, won over Danny Bello, 132, Bronx; Walter Keyes, 139¾, Greenville, S. C., outpointed Joey DiGuardia, 141, Bronx, and Sammy Sanchez, 126, gave the Bronx its only winner of the evening by beating Vito Celentano, 121, Staten Island.

The top spot of the usual weekly card of sixes and fours at Jamaica Arena produced a close decision for Bobby James, 157½, Jamaica, over Eddie Ocasio, 152, East Side. In the semi-final six, Mike Camporeale, 196, East Side, outfought Charley (Chuck) Simmons, 195, Dallas.

The metropolitan debut of well-exploited Lee Sala, 160¾, Donora, Pa., was anything but a four-alarm riot. In running off the 43rd straight win of his unbeaten career, Sala had tough going to edge out an 8-to-1 shot, Reuben Jones, 164½, Norfolk, Va., in a bruising ten at the St. Nick Arena. The verdict was split, Judge Joe Agnello voting for Jones, with the other judge, Joe Vacarella, and the referee, Frank Fullam, casting for Sala. The Pescatore brothers of Italy split even in two of the supporting numbers, Alfredo, 133, being stopped by Ernie Hunick, 134, Salt Lake City, in the third, and Alberto, 160, decisioning Bill Partin, 157, South Carolina, in four. In the other bouts, Norman Kelly, 147, Bronx, halted Carmine Cafarello, 147½, East Side, in the third; Hy Melzer outpointed Mario Moreno, 142½, Ozone Park, in six; Tony Johnson, 164¾, East Side, shaded Frank Inconteri, 169, Brooklyn, in four, and Tommy Englehart, 148¼, Astoria, flattened James DeGirt, 148½, Brooklyn, in the second.

Unbeaten in his own backyard, Johnny Britenbruck, 148¾, Ridgewood, registered his 12th straight win in metropolitan rings by whipping Joey Martino, 148¾, Newark, in a top six at the Ridgewood Grove. Jimmy Herring, 153½, Ozone Park, kayoed Ray Thomas, 145½, Bronx, in the fourth of the semi-final. A new arrival from Buenos Aires, Cesar Brion, 192, outfought Steve King, 195½, Brooklyn, and Georgie Kaplan, 181, Brownsville, decisioned John Garner, 172½, Washington, D. C., in sixes. In fours, Felix Mastro, 149½, Bronx, won over Paul Cannon, 154, Memphis, and Jay Parlin, 137½; Harlem, kayoed Art Martin, 141¼, Valley Stream, in three.

A season of surprises continued when Jake LaMotta, 165, Bronx, with an 11½-pound pull in the weights, was held to a split verdict by Vern Lester, 153½, San Francisco, in ten at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Several times in vicious exchanges, Lester forced his heavier rival to give ground. The votes of Judges Joe Schector and Tony Rossi, in favor of LaMotta, offset Referee Jack Watson's decision for Lester. In the semi-final six, Charley Titone, 124¾, Ridgewood, dropped Jose Garcia, 125½, Puerto Rico, for a nine-count in the last round to cinch the verdict.

Twenty-year-old Wilfred (Fitzy) Pruden of Toronto registered one of season's outstanding surprises by whipping heavily-favored Terry Young at the Eastern Parkway Arena.

In other sixes, Nick Bufilano, 156, Bensonhurst, won from Pete Masters, 161, Bay Ridge, and Tommy Apostola, 139, East Side, beat Roosevelt Henry, 141¼, Harlem. Gus Cossifus, 157¼, Yonkers, outpointed Bob Tighe, 156½, Bay Ridge, in four.

The vicious aggressiveness and lusty punching of Charley (Zivic) Affif, 160, Pittsburgh, were too much for Gene Boland, 155¾, Scranton, and three knockdowns in the third were sufficient for the referee to call a halt. It was a spectacular brawl while it lasted. Bobby Bell, 127, Youngstown, outpointed Billy Liggett, 127, Trenton, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Fred Monforte, 136, Brooklyn, outfumbled Jimmy Tarangelo, 140¼, Greenwich Village, and Artie Donato, 195, Red Bank, N. J., whipped Tony Jess, 182, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. In fours, Bruno Lijoi, 133, Brooklyn, kayoed Domingo Rivera, 132½, Puerto Rico, in the third, and Jimmy Watkins, 135, Brooklyn, beat Joey DiGuardia, 140½, Bronx.

Scaling a lush 210, Tami Mauriello wheezed and puffed his way into the start of another comeback by getting himself credited with a two-round kayo over Roy Taylor, 187½, Harlem, at the Park Arena. The next day the State Athletic Commission slapped a six months' suspension on Taylor. In a six-rounder, Ernie Butler, 153, Brooklyn, outpointed Johnny Crosby, 148, Bronx. In fours, Ernie Conyer, 197½, who formerly operated as Young Joe Louis, kayoed Harold McIlwain, 220½, Washington, D. C., in the third; Alfredo Rojas, 132, Bronx, decisioned Tony Ferrara, 133, also of the Bronx, and another borough argument wound up in a draw between Felix Mastro, 149, and Colin Scott, 144.

Terry Young, 139½, East Side, packed too much power for Al Pennino, 133, Brooklyn, and won by a kayo in the fourth at the Broadway Arena when Referee Abe Simon halted the affair to save Pennino from further punishment. In the semi-final, Joe Micelli, 139, East Side, stopped Jerry Meklir, 138½, Detroit, in the sixth. In the other bouts, Mike Campfarella, 195, Brooklyn, decisioned Arthur Brown, 195, Harlem, in six; Bobby DeMonce, 138, Brooklyn, whipped Billy Stevens, 134½, Harlem, in four; Dom Perro, 174, Brooklyn, flattened Ted Harrison, 176, Aiken, S. C., in the third, and Carmine Caffarella, 147, Brooklyn, stiffened a borough rival, Doug Conley, 148, in the first.

With Steve Belloise, 160½, Bronx, tossing his heaviest artillery at Bobby James, 159, Jamaica, in the windup, kayoes were scattered all over the White Plains Community Center. Only two bouts, both fours, went their prescribed routes, Sammy Sanchez, 125, Bronx, outpointing Vito Celantano, 120¼, Staten Island, and Freddie Latson, 142½, St. Louis, whipping Earl Peoples, 141, Harlem. In the other numbers, Jackie Cunningham, 124¾, Garfield, N. J., halted Georgie Decker, 122, Schenectady, N. Y., in the fifth; Tony Johnson, 164½, Brooklyn, polished off Wally Brooks, 169, London, Ont., in the first, and Nat Blum, 160¾, Bronx, did likewise to Danny Ventura, 164, Stamford, Conn. In the top spot, Belloise proved entirely too good for James, and put him away in the fourth.

Apparently beaten before he even stepped into the ring, Tippy Larkin, 143½, Garfield, N. J., veteran, offered feeble resistance to Charley Fusari, 147, Irvington, N. J., in the Tournament of Champions' first show in the Jersey City Armory, and after the first round it became merely a matter of how long the affair would last. It finally was stopped by Referee Paul Cavalier at 2:35 of the sixth, with Larkin wobbling all over the ring. Jimmy Corti, 138, Trenton, was too rugged for Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 135½, Bayonne, in the semi-final six. Tito Valles, 128, East Side, decisioned Jimmy Callura, 129, Hamilton, Ont., and Joe Gabrielle, 133½, Orange, outpointed Charley McGarry, 130½, Rahway, in other sixes. In fours, Rocky Fusco, 128, Staten Island, kayoed McKinley Micheaux, 129, Rochester, in the first, and Mike Francio, 181, Jersey City, outfought Tommy Georgio, 182½, Garfield. The crowd registered at 7,687 and the gross gate at $28,958.

In a close, bruising ten that packed plenty of action all the way, Tony Pellone, 146, Greenwich Village, shaded Roman Alvarez, 144½, East Side, at the St. Nick Arena. Up-and-coming Billy Murphy, 133, Brooklyn, tucked another kayo into his record by flattening Charley Donovan, 135, East Side, in the fifth of the semi-final. In sixes, Mario Moreno, 144¾, Ozone Park, showed good form in whipping Sonny Levitt, 146¾, East Side, and Harry Diduck, 130, Brooklyn, proved too experienced for Frankie Carini, 135½, East Side. In fours, Danny Dancosse, 118½, Manchester, Conn., drew with Johnny Carr, 121½, Brooklyn, and Jay Parlin, 137½, Harlem, whipped Manuel Dizon, 137, Brooklyn.

Paddy DeMarco, 138, the roughhouse kid from Brooklyn's Navy Yard district, had a bit too much of everything for his borough rival, Bernie Bernard, 136, in eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena, and copped the decision with considerable to spare. Fred Monforte, 135, Red Hook, outpunched and outmauled Georgie Wright, 130½, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. Ceaser Brion, 199, Buenos Aires, needed only 1:56 of the first to stop Jimmy Walls, 188, Englewood, N. J. Joe Fernandez, 148, South Brooklyn, scored knockdowns in the third and fourth to whip Billy Smith, 145¼, Medford, Mass., in six. In another abbreviated six, Charley Titone, 124¼, Ridgewood, halted Artie Olson, 121½, Utica, N. Y., in the fourth. Carmine Fiore, 138¼, Greenpoint, stopped Diego Estella, 137½, Woodside, in the second of a scheduled four.

A bit too industrious for his opponent, Ross Anzalone, 148, Harlem, edged out a split decision over Russell Howard, 144, Yorkville, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. In two other bouts, Wally Doktor, 124, Long Island City, punched his way to a verdict over Georgie Decker, 122, Schenectady, N. Y., and Davey (Red) Allen, 125, Yorkville, was too ringwise for Tony Longo, 125¾, Baltimore.

The speed, left hand and experience of Tommy Yarosz, 165, Pittsburgh, were too much for Richie Dallas, 159½, St. Louis, in eight at the White Plains Community Center. One of the likeliest youngsters in the metropolitan area, Jimmy Donnelly, 138½, Astoria, whipped Calvin Davis, 139½, Bronx, in the semi-final six. In the other scraps, Sonny Levitt, 146½, East Side, decisioned Ray Solomon, 145, Brooklyn, in six; Tommy Englehardt, 149, Bronx, drew with Lou Gillespie, 150½, Brooklyn, in four, and Johnny Graham, 132, Bronx, flattened Alfredo Rojas, 132¼, Puerto Rico, in the second.

Repeating a previous win, Jay White, 135¾, Jersey City, edged out Paul (Papesca) O'Hara, Bronx, in a six at the Park Arena that played to less than 1,000 customers. In other sixes, Jim Freeman, 201½, Harlem, flattened Phil Alston, 186½, Roslyn, in the fifth; Jackie Cunningham, 125, Garfield, N. J., annihilated Gene Salaco, 129½, Bronx, and Jay Parlin, 136, Harlem, whipped Johnny Moran, 134½, Bronx. In fours, Howie Friedman, 142, Bronx, stopped Roy Thomas, 142, another Bronxite, in the first, and Norman Horton, 157, Dayton, O., routed Ray Ryan, 159, Brooklyn.

Back in action after a layoff of four and a half months, Pete Mead, 160½, Grand Rapids, had little difficulty disposing of Sal Richie, 151, East Side, at the St. Nick Arena. Mead outclassed Richie all the way, finally stopping him in the fifth. Jimmy Flood, 163½, unbeaten Yorkville youngster, whipped Lee Patrick, 163¾, St. Louis, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Mike Camporeale, 194½, East Side, outpointed Tony Jess, 182½, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Lester Felton, 146½, Detroit, stopped Bobby Brown, 154, Brooklyn, in the last frame. In fours, Freddie Pedreia, 148, Staten Island, beat Joe DiSantos, 148, Brooklyn, and Johnny Lemons, 121, Brooklyn, decisioned Joe Rigano, 124½ also of Brooklyn.

Fitzie Pruden, 141¼, youthful Torontonian, tossed a real shock into the customers at Eastern Parkway Arena by whipping heavily-favored Terry Young, 137, East Side, in a lively eight. In sixes, Jackie Cooper, 149½, Bronx, stopped Johnny Crosby, 149½, Bronx, in the third; Billy Doerner, 173½, Brooklyn, defeated Billy Pappas, 178¾, Philadelphia, and Vince Marzac, 146¾, Seymour, Tex., whipped Lou Russo, 146¾, Astoria. In the other bouts, Nat Blum, 160, Brownsville, kayoed Paul Cannon, 157, Memphis, Tenn., in the third, and Carmine Fiore, 138¾, Greenpoint, outfought Ray Love, 139½, Chicago, in four.

Two of the better youngsters among the bigger fellows hereabouts, Roland LaStarza of the Bronx and Phil Berman of Paterson, continued their

winning sequences in sixes at the Jamaica Arena. LaStarza, 189, ran his string to 26 straight by whipping Mike Jacobs, 180, Jersey City, and Berman, 169¾, hurdled his 13th in succession by flattening Johnny Fisher, 161½, Brooklyn, in the second. In a third six, Dom Mogard, 185½, Toronto, won permanent possession of Jimmy Walls, 185, Englewood, N. J., by whipping him for the third time. In fours, Jimmy Donnelly, 137½, Astoria, rallied to outfight Joey (Moon) Mullins, 142¼, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Walter Keyes, 139¾, Greenville, S. C., outpointed Rocco Sergio, 134, Bayside, and Larry Jones, 176, Brooklyn, flattened Art Ortell, 200½, Foxville, Md., in the first.

Chester Rico, 141, Bronx, had a bit too much stuff for aggressive Maxie Starr, 141, Baltimore, and won handily in eight at the Broadway Arena. In another eight, Jimmy Warren, 136, Brooklyn, proved too ringwise for Billy Liggett, 131½, Trenton. In supporting bouts, Jimmy Walters, 188½, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Nick Buffalino, 156½, in the third; Doug Coley, 146, Brooklyn, halted Harry Taylor, 150¾, Harlem, in the first, and two fours that went the route produced decisions for Stanley Kursa, 136, Detroit, over Kenny Clark, 141, Bronx, and Bill Parlin, 156½, Brooklyn, over Ed Beta, 157½, also of Brooklyn.

Bothered by a nasty rip over his left eye, opened early in the fight, Rocco Rossano, 140½, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, was held to a draw by Joey Carkido, 141¼, Youngstown, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Jimmy Herring, 155, Ozone Park, stopped Chino Prado, 149, Mexico, in the last frame, and Jimmy Watkins, 136½, New London, Conn., flattened Johnny Meza, 141, Harlem, in the second. A pair of East Side brothers, Vito Icabellis, 141, and Augie Icabellis, 141½, were beaten in fours, Vito losing to Roosevelt Henry, 143, Harlem, and Augie to Ralph Pileggi, 144½, Brooklyn.

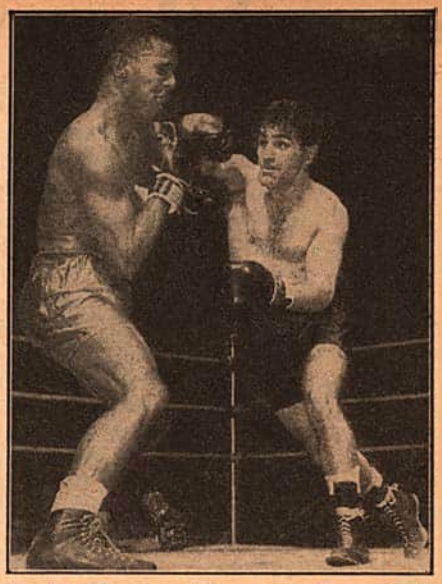
Demonstrating again that he's as good as his name, Al Winn, 165½, hard-thumping young Bronxite, made it 18 kayoes in 22 pro starts by stopping Al Fisher, 159½, also of the Bronx, in the sixth at the Park Arena. It was a whale of a fight while it lasted. In the first, Winn dropped Fisher, only to have the latter get up off the floor and return the favor, the bell saving Winn at five. Winn was on the receiving end in the second, but came back to take the next three, and flatten Fisher in the sixth. In the other scraps, Luis Castrelle, 131, Bronx, outpointed Tony Ferrara, 130, Brooklyn, in six; Joe Correy, 136½, Puerto Rico, whipped Eddie Parker, 133, East Side, also in six, and Sylvester Salter, 191, Cincinnati, flattened Zack Johnson, 186, Chicago, in the first.

There was no complaint to register against the card supporting the Sandy Saddler-Willie Pep featherweight title affair in Madison Square Garden. Plenty of action and robust thumping kept the 14,685 customers well entertained while waiting for the main event. In the semi-final eight, Jackie Weber, 135, Pawtucket, R. I., edged out Johnny LaRusso, 135, Bronx. In sixes, Nunzio Carto, 134, Philadelphia, shaded Eduardo Carrasco, 131, Lima, Peru, and Henry LaSale, 131, Houston, Tex., outfought Bobby Bell, 124½, Youngstown. In the opening four, Tommy Collins, 125½, Boston, had a slight margin in a wild slugfest with Lorenzo Safara, 127, Cuba.

Shifty Ray Edwards, 127¼, Jamaica, tacked another win to his rapidly-expanding list by whipping Colon Garcia, 127, Puerto Rico, in a sizzling six at the Jamaica Arena. In the semi-final six, Georgie Kaplan, 188, Brooklyn, 18-year-old youngster who'll bear a lot of serious watching from here on in, boxed and punched his way to a neat decision over Art Brown, 181½, Harlem.

A rangy youngster with an effective left hand, Eugene Maze, 153½, who operates under the name of Bill Daly, and hails from Brookline, Mass., jolted the clients at the Broadway Arena by whipping Herbie Kronowitz, 158¼, in eight. In the semi-final eight, Joe Micelli, 140, East Side, outfought Mannie Torres, 140½, Phoenix, Ariz., while Jimmy Walters, 158¾, Brooklyn, grabbed a close decision over another Brooklynite, Ray Bryan, 159¼, in six. In fours, Eddie Perkins, 155½, British West Indies, beat Ed Beta, 155¾, Brooklyn; Al Adelson, 145¾, Brooklyn, was given the verdict over Lou Gillespie, 150¼, Ozone Park, and Dom Perro, 173½, East Side, was too aggressive for Johnny Williams, 180½, Bronx.

Irish Jimmy Flood, 162, Yorkville's latest belting beauty, made it 20 straight wins by punching out a decisive win over Eddie Ocasio, 153, Bronx, in eight at the White Plains Community Center. In another eight, Carroll Alexander, 125, Washington, D. C., outpointed Doire Allen, 126½, Port Chester, N. Y. In sixes, Fairest Norman, 152½, Mount Vernon, whipped Henry Holt, 158, Danbury, Conn., and Jimmy Marino, 136¼, Brooklyn, decisioned Charley Donovan, 139¼, East Side. In fours, Lawrence Musica, 139¼, Bronx, beat Billy Stevens, 136, also of the Bronx, and Kenny Lovegrove, 163¼, Paterson, registered the only



Joe Sgro lands a right to the jaw of Bob Simmons in ten-round bout for the Indiana State welter crown at Indianapolis which Sgro won by a large margin.

kayo of the night by stopping Ray Clark, 158¼, Cliffside Park, N. J., in the first.

In a substitute match, arranged on four days' notice, Pete Mead, 159, Grand Rapids, proved better conditioned than Charley (Zivic) Affif, 156, Pittsburgh, and won in a bruising ten at the St. Nick's Arena. Affif started fast and had the better of the first two rounds, but couldn't maintain the blistering pace, and Mead came on fast to box and punch his way to a unanimous decision. In a sizzling semi-final eight, Ray Edwards, 128, Jamaica, edged out Tommy Beato, 128¾, San Domingo. Charley Titone, 123½, Brooklyn, outpointed Wally Doktor, 124, East Side, and Costo Shimkvich, 160½, Poland, outmauled Nat Blum, 160½, Brooklyn, in sixes. In fours, Bob Tighe, 153¼, Brooklyn, shaded Bill Partin, 154½, Tullahome, Tenn., and Joe Atria, 137, Harlem, stopped Johnny Graham, 132½, Paterson, in the third.

Repeating a win he had registered on the Williams-Flores, Robinson-Gavilan card at the Yankee Stadium, Roland LaStarza, 188½, Bronx, made it 27 pro wins without a defeat by outboxing Dom Mogard, 184½, Toronto, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Mogard was down twice in the first, but recovered to last the route. Tommy Varsos, 151½, Milwaukee, needed only 2:28 of the first to polish off Norman Kelly, 150, Detroit, in the semi-final. Billy Isler, 169¼, Harlem, was credited with a kayo over Billy Pappas, 176, Philadelphia, when the bout was stopped in the sixth because of a nasty cut over Pappas' eye. In other bouts, Ralph Gigante, 153¼, Greenwich Village, decisioned Vince Mazac, 148½, Texas, in six; Jimmy Walls, 187½, Englewood, N. J., whipped Johnny Williams, 186, Bronx, in four, and Jim Boone, 146¾, Harlem, was flattened by Billy Patterson, 151¾, Brooklyn, in the first.

It was little more than a breeze for Mario Moreno, 147, Ozone Park, in a return six with Sol Levitt, 145, East Side, at the Jamaica Arena. Levitt had given Moreno tough opposition in their previous outing at the St. Nick Arena, but the encore found Mario a winner by a wide margin. He hit too hard and too often for Sol. Returning to action after 13 months' absence, Warren Peterson, 167, Jamaica, ran into a tough break when a bad rip over the right eye forced the referee to call a halt in the third of his semi-final affair with Johnny Garner, 171, Brooklyn. In another six, Bobby Morgan, Elmhurst, decisioned Pete Masters, 157, Bay Ridge, while in fours Joe Rigano, 125½, Ozone Park, outpointed Julie Colon, 124, Brooklyn; Artie Levine, 127¾, Bayonne, N. J., whipped Sam Sanchez, 128¾, Bronx, and Bruno Linjor, 133, Brooklyn, lost to Bobby Nicholas, 136, Hackensack, N. J.

The erratic Tony LaBua, 138¾, Ozone Park, hit one of his better nights in tossing a decisive lacing into rugged Joey Belfiore, 138½, Philadelphia, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. A brawling semi-final six wound up in the fifth when Carl Taulman, 139½, Piermont, N. Y., suffered an ugly cut over his right eye and the referee called a halt to his scrap with Billy Smith, 145, Medford, Mass. Down twice in the first round, Taulman had staged a fine comeback, and was on even terms with Smith when the bout was stopped. In another six, Henry Schillizzi, 129, Middle Village, outslugged Georgie Wright, 128, Philadelphia. Tommy Englehardt, 149, Astoria, scored his third straight pro win by kayoing Billy Chappy, 144½, Brooklyn, in the second. Charley McGarry, 132½, Rahway, N. J., came off the floor to beat Billy Walsh, 136, Corona, in four, and in another four, Jimmy Watkins, 118½, Brooklyn, outpointed Manuel Baptisa, Jr., 123½, East Side.

In one of the wildest brawls of the season, Leo Milito, 132, East Side, grabbed a split verdict over Jimmy Warren, 135½, Brooklyn, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. After Referee Johnny Burns had taken the third round away from Milito for a low blow, the fans got themselves into the argument by heaving a chair, a glass and diverse other matters into the ring. Police were called in to restore order. In the semi-final eight, Mario Moreno, 144½, Jamaica, decisioned Steve Riggio, 146, Brooklyn. In sixes, Gene Salisbury, 146½, North Bergen, N. J., outpointed Billy Smith, 143¾, Medford, Mass., and Dave Peters, 140¾, Harlem, kayoed Ray Solomon, 145, Brooklyn, in the fourth. Carlin Scott, 141, Bronx, flattened Shazen Williams, 140½, Harlem, in the third of the opening four.

Having conceded 11½ pounds to Jake LaMotta a few weeks previously and holding the Bronx Buster to a split decision, Vern Lester returned to Eastern Parkway Arena and tried another weight-spotting job, this time with Tony DiMicco of Schenectady. But what happens once doesn't always happen the second time. At 154¾, the San Franciscan found the 165½-pound DiMicco too big and strong, and DiMicco had a slight edge at the finish. Bobby Dawson, 149, East Side, whipped Jackie Cooper, 149¾, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Another six wound up in the fourth with Mickey Alagna, 142, Ridgewood, a kayo winner over Roosevelt Henry, 141, Harlem. The bout was halted because of a bad cut over Henry's left eye. In fours, Lou Gillespie, 152½, Ozone Park, decisioned James Suber, 148, Harlem, and Carmine Vingo, 197, Bronx, stopped Tommy Giorgio, 183½, Garfield, N. J., in the last chapter.

Outclassing his opponent all the way, Al Hirsch (Hersh), 148½, East Side, scampered through to an easy win over Joe DeMartino, 153½, Bridgeport, in ten at the Broadway Arena. The epidemic of bouts stopped because of cuts over eyes continued in the semi-final when Joey Kay, 130¼, Horwich, England, sustained an ugly rip over his right optic and his affair with Georgie Wright, 125½, Philadelphia, was halted in the sixth. In another six, Charley Donovan, 135½, East Side, was too experienced for Jimmy Tarangelo, 140, Greenwich Village. In fours, Lew Rascio, 144¾, Brooklyn, whipped Bill Chappy, 143¾, a borough rival; Lem Custer, 136, Detroit, outscuffled Ernest Harper, 136, East Side, and Bruno Lijoi, 133½, Brooklyn, battered McKinley Michauex, 135, Rochester, so thoroughly in two rounds the latter was not permitted to come up for the third.

In chalking up his 34th win in 35 pro outings, Sal Ferello, 129½, Bronx, found Bobby Root, 130½, Harlem, soft pickin's at the Park Arena. Ferello packed too much of everything for Root, and stopped him in the fifth. The semi-final also was abbreviated, Norman Horton, 161½, Dayton, O., halting Roy Sneed, 167¾, Brooklyn, in the fourth.

Nick Mistovich, 148, Youngstown, edged out Buddy Holderfield, 148, Little Rock, Ark., in a fast eight at the White Plains Community Center. Making his first start under the management of Maurie Waxman, lanky Ray Lewis, 136, Honolulu, celebrated the occasion by belting out Johnny Johniken, 132½, Harlem, in the second of the semi-final. Bobby Baldwin, 154½, Englewood, N. J., outpointed Johnny Crosby, 148¾, Bronx, in six, while in fours Wilfred Dancoffee, 120, Englewood, N. J., nodded Vito Celentano, 124½, Staten Island; Bobby Nichols, 134, Hackensack, decisioned Eddie Doersch, 135½, Bronx, and Sammy Sanchez, 129¾, Bronx, beat Domingo Vera, 125, Puerto Rico.

In registering his 13th win in metropolitan rings, promising Johnny Breitenbruck, 147½, Ridgewood, made it unanimous over Joey Martino, 149, Newark, by whipping him for the third time at the Ridgewood Grove. Since both bouts were sixes, Breitenbruck varied the monotony in the latest outing by winning in eight. Martino survived two knockdowns in the first to come back strong, but didn't have enough stuff to match his opponent's. In the semi-final six, Jimmy Herring, 155, Ozone Park, iced Art Robinson, 161, Pittsburgh, in the second. In other sixes, Joey Varoff, 140, East Side, decisioned Tommy Mills, 140, Hempstead, and Tony Johnson, 162, East Side, flattened Harry Taylor, 154, Miami, in the first. In fours, James Suber, 148, Greenville, S. C., outpointed Ralph Peliggi, 145, Greenwich Village, and Ernie Majury, 133, Toronto, won over Stanley Kurse, 134, Detroit.

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NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

Jim Dobie, handsome heavyweight from Toronto, Canada, who was a victim of polio when a child.

WHENEVER some oddity appears on the wrestling scene it is only natural to look toward Hollywood for the answer. "Georgeous George" was developed in Hollywood as was "Nature Boy" and the "Leopard Boy." The latest wrestler on the odd side is one called "Zebra Kid."

Billed as a ferocious monster who weighs in at 300 pounds, the Kid is a big attraction. We receive many letters from fans who frown upon this type of freak matmen. They prefer to see the straight wrestlers, men who depend upon wrestling knowledge to win. However, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. The freaks are sound box office attractions and promoters naturally use the results at the gate as a guide to future exploitations.

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A NEW YORK promoter, Rudy Dusek, is toying with the idea of renting Madison Square Garden for one evening to have Georgeous George make his New York City debut. This promoter feels that George is the only man who can start the return of grappling to the House that Tex Built. The last show held in the big arena was in August of 1937. When one considers that it cost $7,000 to rent the Garden for one night, you have to admire the promoter's courage. However it is worth a gamble.

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REPORTS from South Africa show that wrestling is drawing record gates. A few weeks ago, on a cold night, an outdoor card drew 6,000 persons. Henry Irslinger, who promotes in Johannesburg, is seeking leading American heavyweights to make the trip. Henry is importing a fine looking Oakland, Calif., star, Joe Campbell, who already has left for South Africa. Campbell, who is known as the globe trotting wrestler, received his early training from the great Pinkie Gardner and we believe South African fans will like his style.

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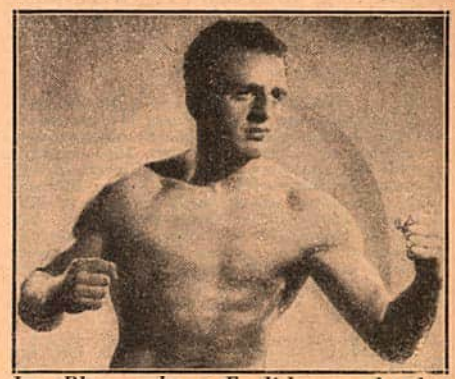

Jan Blears, clever Englishman who has gone over with a bang in the States.

"BULL" MONTANA, the old wrestler and movie villain, is now acting as a referee of mat bouts. . . . Billy Sandow, the well known wrestling promoter and manager, was injured in an automobile collision in Lakeville, N. Y. Billy, at one time, handled the business of Ed "Strangler" Lewis.

Herbie Freeman, the veteran New York bully, is now wrestling on the Coast as Pierre Lassartes, a veteran of the French underground! Can you beat it?

Wladislaw Talun, the giant Polish Powerhouse, has started a comeback. . . . Nanjo Singh's cobra hold has made him quite an attraction. . . . We can recall how the Indian Death Lock made Chief Little Wolf famous, the Irish Whip made Danno O'Mahony a champion, and how the flying tackle brought fame and fortune to Gus Sonnenberg. Perhaps the cobra hold will do the same for Singh. . . . A group of Western promoters have selected Orville Brown as their champion and have posted a guarantee of $25,000 to any man who can pin him.

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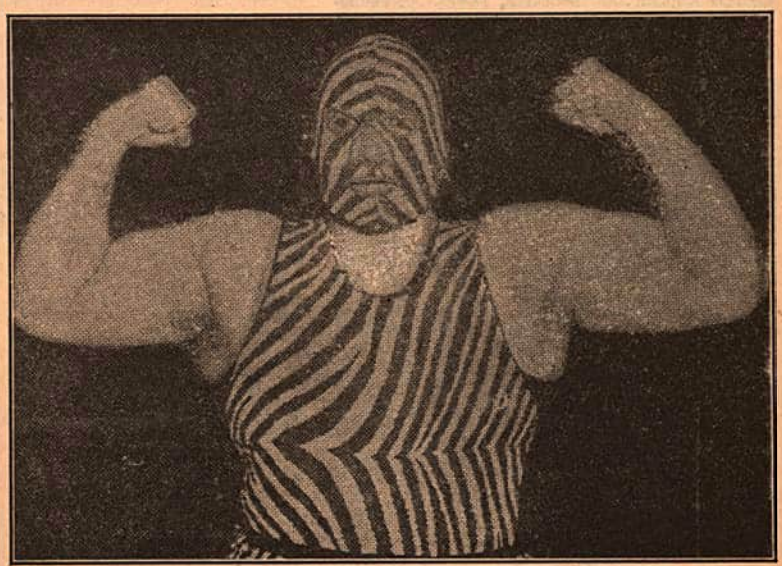
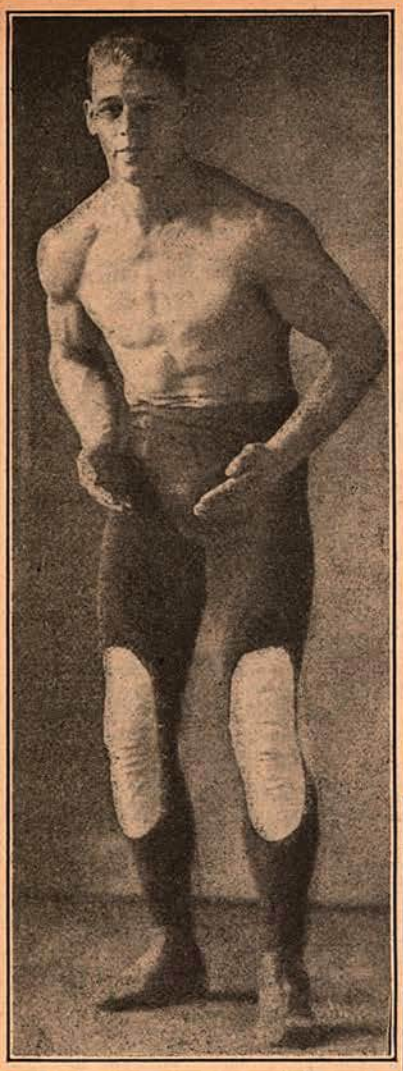
FROM Toronto, Canada, comes a heart warming story of a young athlete who conquered a physical defect to become a top-flight wrestler. Jim Dobie, at the age of five, was stricken with polio and for the next six years he remained in bed unable to move. Dobie's parents spent a fortune in an effort to cure their son.

They searched far and near for some specialist who might give some ray of hope for Jim. Finally a medical man was found who tried a new treatment on the youngster that showed results.



Zebra Kid, latest of the wrestling "Gags" invented on the West Coast.

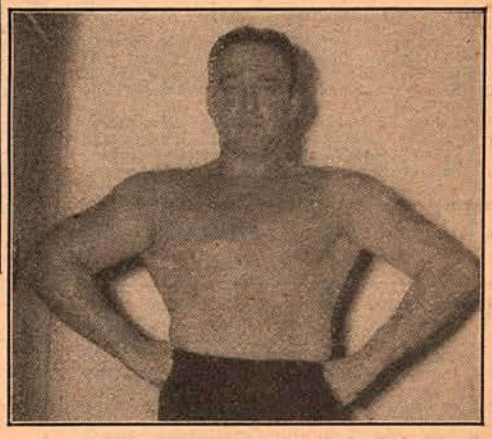


Pinkey Gardner, the light-heavyweight of a few years ago, who was the teacher of Joe Campbell.

It took many years and when Dobie was thirteen years old he took his first step.

From that time on he practiced various types of athletics to build himself up. At the age of fifteen he was a professional swimmer and also a physical instructor at a boy's camp. When Jim reached sixteen he placed in the money at the Canadian National Exhibitions at Toronto in the fifteen mile marathon race. It was about this time that Dobie became interested in wrestling.

From the very start it became his favorite sport and almost as soon as he was introduced to it, he decided to turn professional without any amateur training. In as much as he had been a professional swimmer he felt wrestling should be taken in the same light. He was a beaming success from the start. His name spelled box office magic and his services were and still are in steady demand.



Joe Campbell, the Oakland, California, star, who has left for South Africa where he will meet all comers.

Like the late Babe Ruth, Jim Dobie's first love is the kids. He has been to dozens of hospitals to entertain and was a star on the March of Dimes show last year. Just let him know when he can be of some service to the youngsters and he will be on hand to do his bit.

Dobie is billed as "Gentleman Jim" because he wears a white carnation on his robe and, at the bell, throws the flower to some pretty girl in the audience. This is just one of the many colorful tactics used by this young star.

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BRONKO NAGURSKI is reported in the hospital with a broken shoulder and collar bone received in a recent bout with Frank Sexton. Sexton claims to be undefeated since 1945.

Lord Blears has taken the place of Georgeous George, since the latter left the West Coast on an Eastern tour. Blears is a better wrestler than George but doesn't quite have the color of the big blond.

The very popular Dave Levin is now touring the West. Levin, as always, is one of the best drawing cards in wrestling.

Leo Garabaldi is well on the road to recovery after a serious attack of polio. As soon as he is fully recovered, Leo and his dad, Gino, will move to California.

In Washington, D. C., it is quite common to have the referee knocked cold by the wrestlers. In a recent match, the official was downed eleven times during the contest and then knocked out by the man he declared the loser. All this is the natural buildup for future guest referees in the nation's capital. Guests like Jack Dempsey, Max Baer, Tony Galento and Jack Sharkey.

Tony Galento continues to make the rounds picking up a few extra dollars. Tony, however, looks pretty sad whenever he gets into any sort of trouble. His knowledge of wrestling is the same as was his knowledge of boxing, namely a left hook to the jaw.

Joe Montana of Camden, N. J., has been receiving a lot of publicity during the past few months as the light-heavyweight champion of the world. Montana offers to meet and defeat anyone in the world. Although he can make the light-heavyweight division, Joe has defeated some of the better heavyweights in the country.

Veteran Dr. Len Hall is now showing his ability in the Central States. The rough, tough Abe Kashey is touring with Hall and together they form a T.N.T. combination.

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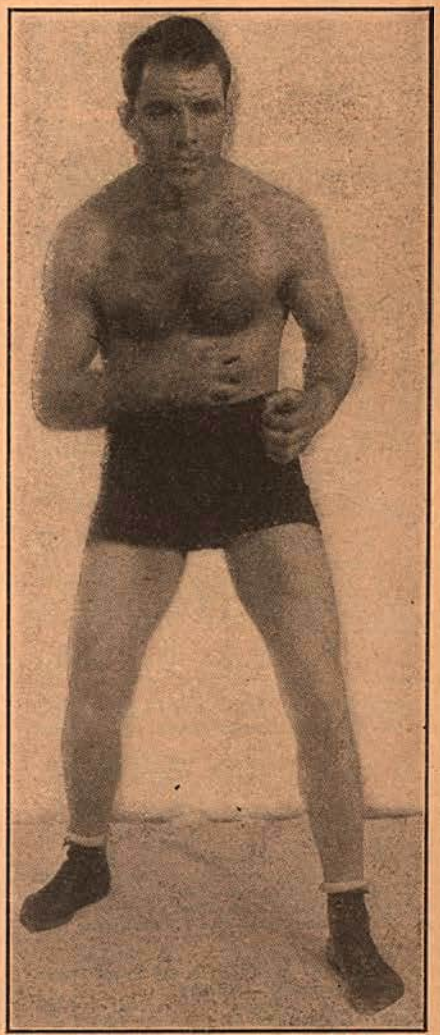
John Pesek, the old Tiger Man of the mat, has settled down to a life of ease on his huge farm in Ravenna, Nebraska, where his pet hobby is breeding greyhounds for racing purposes.

Pesek, now in his fifties, hasn't wrestled in public for several years, however he still is in wonderful physical condition from doing the many chores on the farm. His weight has remained at 197 pounds since his retirement. Several promoters are still offering John golden opportunities to return to the mat, but he continues to stick to the great outdoors.

Pesek's only interest in wrestling at present is the future of his 225-pound son Jack, who has chosen a mat career instead of taking a fling at professional football. Under the expert instruction of his famous dad, young Jack has gained a masterful knowledge of the finer points of wrestling and combined with his great strength, he should go a long way in the professional grappling circle.



Joe Montana, a light-heavyweight, who has defeated some of the best heavyweights in the world.

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

BERNARD DOCUSEN, welterweight contender from Little Ole' New Orleans, La., thrashed Johnny Bratton unmercifully, in a ten-round hotbed at the Chicago Stadium before an approximate 10,000 fight fans. The sharp-shooting Filipino, stucco-punched "Honey-Boy" Bratton, who lost eight out of ten rounds, with one being even.

Right from the start Docusen revealed his superiority over the lithe Chicagoan, and even floored Bratton, for a one count, in the opening frame.

It can be said for Johnny: he is game to the core, but he didn't fight the right kind of fight to offset Docusens' superior long-range fisticuffing. Chicago's "Will O' the Wisp" couldn't get inside of Bernard's long arms, and accurate punching. Johnny was a sorry sight after the bout, fighting the fourth round on even terms, and gaining a shade of the tenth and final stanzas.

Vince Foster, Omaha, Nebraska, welterweight wildcat, spilled "Irish" Jimmy Sanders, of Louisville, Kentucky, in a hectic eight-round contest, preceding the main event—Sanders, a game and courageous Irishman, wouldn't wilt under Fosters' dynamite right smashes, and at intervals hurt Vince with devastating body belts, which weren't to the Cornhusker's liking. Had Sanders started on Vince's body earlier in the bout, there might have been an upset in the offing. Foster was the eventual winner.

In the eight-round semi-windup Harold Dade, former world's bantamweight champion, now fighting as a full-fledged featherweight, won a rather uninteresting match from heavy-hitting Charley Riley of St. Louis, Mo. Dade unlimbered a steady in-fighting attack, and more or less sewed Riley's offerings up repeatedly.

Proctor Heinold, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 125½-pounder almost upset Jackie Graves, portside flinger. Proctor dropped Jackie with a wicked overhand right, in the second round, and managed to eke out a draw with his Minneapolis, Minn., antagonist. Heinold tired perceptibly in the last three rounds, and were it not for this shortage of stamina, an upset would have been gained.

Ernie Doyle, 166, Michigan City, Indiana, won handily over Virgil Straus, 175, Hammond, Hoosier boy, with plenty to spare, in four.

The gross approximated $52,000.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Al Johnson, pugnacious, Indianapolis, Indiana, light-heavyweight, connected often in the sixth and seventh rounds, the bout having to be halted in order to save Ringo Harris of Detroit, Michigan, from a serious beating. Johnson was given credit for a T.K.O. in round seven.

Luther Rawlings, South Side, 138-pounder, shaded Dan Robinson, in an uninteresting eight-round co-feature. Robinson almost chilled Luther in the opening round with a wicked right, but couldn't finish his adversary.

Terry Wagner, after being on the losing end most of the time with Lafayette Drummond, caught Drummond with a good right hand belt in the last round, which pulled the fight out of the fire for him. Wagner is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Drummond from Chicago. They are 165-pounders.

Mike Buha, St. Louis, Missouri, heavyweight, after looking none too good in the opening round, caught Grady Welch of Cincinnati, Ohio, with a good right hand punch in the second that proved to be the start of the finish for the "Crescent City" performer. Grady was counted out in round two.

In the opening four-round tiff, Ed Newman, Chicago, reversed a previous loss to Roy Callender.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Freddie Dawson, 142, sleek Chicago lightweight, who has had to play second fiddle to Johnny Bratton, put Billy Justine, 141, of Philadelphia, Pa., away in one round of a scheduled ten-rounder. Dawson went out, jabbed sharply, unleashed a few hooks, fiented, and "boom," a paralyzing right to the point of the chin put the Philadelphian out cold.

Ernest Rowell, elusive Cleveland, Ohio, welterweight, won with plenty to spare over George Sherman at the end of six rounds.

Jimmy Barata, Chicago, 152-pounder, had his hands full in gaining a points verdict from Isaac Kequon, Cleveland, 150½-pounder.

In a surprise, Louis Gray of St. Louis, Mo., after catching a sharp right hand jolt from Ulysses Johnson, Chicago Southside puncher, and barely finished the second round, sneaked in a pile-driving right in the third heat and completed the task shortly afterwards in that same period for a stunning three-round technical knockout.

Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 135, won over Sidney Caple, Kansas City, Mo., lightweight, in the four-round opener.

Sammy Frager, noted Chicago gloves and equipment manufacturer, is convalcesing at Hines Hospital from a serious leg ailment. Hurry up, Sammy, the boys need equipment!

Sylvester Perkins, a leading light-heavyweight contender, bounced Pat McCafferty, another 175-pound title threat, for the count in the 10th and final stanzas of their embroglio, in Wichita, Kan. This was their second meeting with Pat registering a win in their first engagement.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Kid Riveria, St. Louis, Mo., 212, shellacked O'Dell Riley, Detroit, Michigan, 198, in the eight-round main event. The Kid had too many guns for Riley who is long past his peak.

Richard Hagan, heavy-fisted 204-pound Chicagoan, was too big and strong for Pedro Bradley, 183-pound Cleveland boy, who made the most of his opportunities but couldn't overcome Hagan's advantage in height, weight and reach.

Hubert Hood, veteran Chicago heavyweight, won a scorcher from Henry Jones of Detroit, Michigan, in another six-round biff mill.

Mike Buha, St. Louis, Mo., heavyweight, won unanimously over Lloyd Michigan of the Motor City. Isaac Kequon, Cleveland, 150, scored a neat two-round knockout over Al Nedoff, Michigan City welterweight.

In a special event Lou King knocked out Herbert Hooks in four.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Louis Gray's last two round surge gained him a draw with Roy Miller, Kansas City, Mo., 163½, in the eight-round feature attraction. Miller, an infighter, had a comfortable lead in the early rounds. However, after receiving a few good right hands early in the seventh round, Miller's infighting got sloppy and Gray came on strong to make it even-steven.

For promoters interested in Gene Engel's fighters: Clinton Bacon, 170; Lou King, 160; and Stan Hartman, 126-30. Write or wire me at 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Phone Midway 3-5826.

In closing I'd like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I might add Ring out the New Year with a renewal of your RING subscription—The "Bible" of Boxing.

IN INDIANA RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

WITH a change in politics, after the recent Democratic landslide, speculation has started as to who the next State athletic commission secretary will be. After the first of the year, Indiana will have a Democratic governor, and the present commission members are Republican, so everything points to a new commission. The lucrative post of secretary is held by Walter N. Ringer. Chairman is Arch Hindman, also a vice-president of the NBA.

The new secretary would do well if he could retain Hindman as a member of the commission as he did a splendid job in the last four years. Almost single-handed, he improved boxing conditions over the state of Indiana, started new boxing clubs and brought boxing out of the cellar in this state. We hope Bill continues in his present post. He's needed here.

Joe Sgro, popular Indianapolis fighter, won the Indiana state welterweight championship from Bob Simmons, in a steaming ten-rounder in the armory in Indianapolis. Sgro won by a wide margin after starting at a fast pace. Simmons had worn the crown for three years although in the last 12 months he had only a few fights.

Sgro (pronounced Skro) is a stocky Italian-American good looking belter. He had an impressive amateur record, although he was beaten by Simmons in a gloves tourney in Chicago as a simon-pure several years ago. As a pro he has won several good bouts losing only two close ones to Vince Foster and Luigi Valenti.

In the semi-final Gene Parker, who has beaten Pat Iacobucci, and is one of Indiana's standout comers, decisioned Charlie Scott, Cincinnati, in a six-rounder.

Rick Leland, Gary, knocked out Harry Munroe, 150, Muncie, in 1:41 of the first round, slated for four. Art Andrews, 138, Gary, won a six-round decision over Pedro Servino, 140, Mexico City. In the curtain-raiser Paul Terry, Indianapolis, scored a technical K.O. over Eddie King, 167, Dayton.

Bill Roberts, young Indianapolis heavyweight, lost his first bout in fourteen appearances in an Indianapolis ring when he was stopped by burly Hubert Hood, of Chicago in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder. The bout was stopped by Referee Lou Thomas when Roberts received a badly-cut eye which bled profusely. Roberts weighed 199, Hood 201.

Gene Parker, Indianapolis lightweight, iced Claude Edwards, 131, also of Indianapolis, at 1:06 of the second round with a series of stiff punches. Edwards was down at the bell in the first round.

Russ McKinney, 123, Indianapolis, knocked out Roy (Cowboy) Shane, Phoenix, Ariz., in the first round after having had the cowboy down twice, and the third knockout came when Bob Lawson, 187, Alexandria, handed the soporific punch to Dick Whitaker, 190, Indianapolis, also in the second round.

Spider Thomas, Muncie bantamweight, won a close decision from Chuck McGow, 124, Indianapolis, in a sizzling six-rounder and Doug Medley, 134, Louisville, won over Pedro Servino, Mexico City, in six.

Harold Green of Indianapolis knocked out Dick Lewis of Columbus, Ohio, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round lightweight bout in Fort Wayne, promoted by the St. Joe Athletic Club. Lewis substituted for Doyle Upchurch, Indiana lightweight champion, who had been scheduled to defend his title against Green. An eye injury kept Upchurch from appearing.

Chet Harter, veteran Fort Wayne heavyweight, lost for the first time in a Fort Wayne ring when he dropped a decision to Bill Davis, of Indianapolis, in the eight-round semi-windup.

An item in Central Ohio Hooks and Swings last month in THE RING read that Pat Iacobucci had knocked out Chuck McGow of Indianapolis. This was an error, the unlucky victim being Glen Banfield instead of McGow.

Here is a list of current state champions requested by several readers:

Heavyweight—Colion Chaney
Light-heavyweight—Al Johnson
Middleweight—Tony Zale
Welterweight—Joe Sgro
Lightweight—Doyle Upchurch.

Lower divisions open. All are formidable opponents except in the lightweight class. Either Gene Parker or Gerald LaBroi would easily dethrone Upchurch if they were to be matched. Chaney now campaigns in the East being booked by a Philadelphia manager.

Bill Roberts, Indianapolis heavyweight, won the unanimous decision over rough Bob O'Bannon of Jeffersonville in a ten-rounder in Indianapolis. Roberts rocked the downstate belter in the fourth and sixth rounds but could not stop the well-conditioned O'Bannon.

Bob Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, lost a split decision to Nate Arnold of Louisville. Simmons showed well in the fifth round but had been absent too long from ring warfare to win over the Kentucky puncher.

Joe Sgro, state welter champion, won via technical knockout from Mickey Janoski, also of Louisville, in round two of a scheduled eight. Sgro caught Janoski coming off the ropes and dropped him with a flurry of rights and lefts.

Doug Medley, Louisville lightweight, stopped Bob Roberts in the fourth round and Bud McShea, Indianapolis, won in a middleweight opener from Lee Deck of Anderson in four.

ADDITIONAL BOXING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

IN a ten-round bout at Turner's Arena, Lloyd Gibson, 172, Cincinnati, light-heavy, won from Archie Moore, 173½, St. Louis contender, when Moore was disqualified for fouling. The bout ended after 2:40 of the fourth round had elapsed, with Gibson flat on his face. He was examined by Dr. Leon Gordon, boxing commission physician, and given the customary five-minute rest, but was unable to continue.

In an excellent five-round semi-final, the improving Holly Mims, 154, Washington, defeated Walter Roane, 150, Washington, which turned out to be the best bout of the night. In the four-rounders, Tommy Butler, 136½, Washington, and Spike Graham 137, Washington, fought to a well received draw. Ben Harrison, 199, Washington, won via the T.K.O. route when Lindsay Womble, 229, Washington, failed to answer the bell for round four. Bradley Jim, 160, Balto, decisioned Georgie Brooks, 163, Washington, and Dick Barber, 162, Washington, won from Nate Palmer 164, Washington.

Matchmaker Gabe Menendez of Turner's Arena imported Joe Blackwood, 158½, from Boston to meet Ken Stribling, 161, local middleweight, in a ten-round star headline bout. Lashing out with long lefts and rights, Blackwood was highly impressive, and he scored often, although it was ten rounds before he could get to Ken to floor him. Stribling took an eight count in the closing minute of this round and when the bell sounded he was ready to hit the deck.

In a six-round semi-final after the main event, Elkins Brothers, 191, Washington, won over Joe Lindsay, 182, New York City. Prior to this bout Lindsay had won sixteen bouts and it looked as if Joe would cop this one, when Brothers' right eye was cut, but Referee Ray Bowen allowed Brothers to continue after a session with Dr. Don S. Knowlton, medico for the D.C. Boxing Commission. This encouraged Brothers to pour it on and after a savage bout, possibly the best one here in many a day, Elkins drew down the duke.

Bright Eyes

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scientific ringsters such as seldom have appeared in our era in one division. As a student of boxing, Delaney surpassed Gene Tunney, who often has been named by boxing critics as the ace in that line. He had a greater variety in attack and defense than Gene and was a harder hitter. Tunney was stronger, more rugged and heavier and in a contest between them, Gene would have been favored on that account.

Oldtimers frequently referred to Delaney as a big Joe Gans and the reason for that was his intelligence. When it came to ring intelligence they had no superior to "The Master" and Delaney in many respects had much of what Gans possessed. Today the majority of fight fans hoot a fighter who feints for an opening and holds back his punch until he can land accurately and in a vital spot. But those who are keen students of boxing, enjoy seeing such a man in the ring and in Jack Delaney they had that type of fighter.

He would wait for an opponent to make a mistake and when it came, he was mighty quick to take advantage of it. When Jack fought, the crowd was always on edge because there was no telling when he would suddenly cut loose and shoot across the blow that would mean the kayo.

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HE was a master in the art of "surprise." He studied his man and would use different attacks on different opponents and often he would box four rounds or even more before he uncorked his surprise punches. He would lead his rival to expect one thing and would astound him by doing the opposite. The unexpected punch was covered up by the use of defensive movements which fooled the opponent. Then came the wallop that would find the rival sprawled on the canvas. That's why Jack Delaney was such a pleasing battler.

One of Delaney's best feats was the kayo of Tiger Flowers. At the time the Georgia Deacon was taking the measure of the best men in the land and halting them and Delaney was looked upon as a cinch for the Tiger. Yet when they clashed, Jack knocked the Tiger so cold in the second round with a single punch that Walk Miller, manager of the Georgia Deacon claimed that Delaney had hidden a foreign object in his glove. This of course was disproved by the Commission and Miller was severely censured for making the uncalled for squawk.

In the fight with Bud Gorman, Delaney gave probably the best example of his skill and punching power. Bud was a dangerous heavyweight, a clever, hard hitter and when he met Delaney, Jack scaled only 175 to Gorman's 201. In the first round Gorman not only outclassed Jack but brought the claret from his mouth and nose but in the second, Delaney went after his man with a finesse that was astonishing.

A right clip on the chin put Bud flat on his back. Up came Bud to be floored again with a blow behind the ear. Gorman took a count of eight and pulled himself up by grasping the ropes. The moment Gorman turned towards him, Delaney shot another right to the chin and Bud was so helpless the referee stepped in and halted the bout.

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Gorman was a sparring partner for Gene Tunney when Gene was training for his first bout with Jack Dempsey and he was no set up for any one. He had also whipped Jack Sharkey who had previously beaten Harry Wills, hence the Delaney triumph was a feather in the cap of the Bridgeport battler.

They came no better than Jack Delaney and the boxing world is rooting hard for his complete recovery from the ailment that has put him on his back for many months.

NEBRASKA BOXING

By FLOYD HAYES

THE worst boxing gate for years and years turned out to watch Bob Sandberg, 132, Milwaukee, win a 10-round decision over the veteran Gene Spencer, 132, Chicago. Only 572 customers shoved $1,066.50 through the ticket windows to witness the semi-monthly boxing show here in Omaha. Promoter Max Clayton is bucking the Friday night high school football games as well as making the mistake of matching his two boys with box office appeal on the opening card of the indoor season. Then both Don Lee and Vince Foster battled themselves on the shelf in a rugged brawl. It must be a good local boy or a big name fighter to draw the Omaha fistic followers.

There were no knockdowns but Sandberg buckled Spencer in the sixth canto with a terrific right to the stomach, followed by a left which landed above Spencer's eyes.

In the semi-windup, Earl Wenbourne, 166, Wayne, Neb., remained undefeated since joining the professional ranks. He chalked up his seventh consecutive win by belting out his more experienced foe, Eddie LaMarr, 171, Oklahoma City, in six rounds. Wenbourne came out at the bell and promptly dumped LaMarr to the canvas. The Oklahoma fighter righted himself and moved about the ring on rubbery legs until a wicked left hook to the chops, followed by a right which hit the same target, dropped him for keeps. The referee began his count as LaMarr lay on his back, never stirring. The count had reached five when the bell rang ending the round. LaMarr's handlers worked over him at the intermission but he was still out when the bell sounded for round two, thus Wenbourne was awarded the T.K.O. win.

In the special event, Tony Gunia, 143, Milwaukee, drew in four rounds with Lewis Crumes, 141, Ottumwa, Ia. Eddie Simmons, 165, Sioux City, Ia., made it two wins in a row over Leonard Craig, 155, Omaha, winning a four-round decision. Eugene Brown, 147, Omaha, provided most of the action in the preliminaries by flooring Buzz Lanning, 147, Ottumwa, Ia., on two occasions and shading him. Rodney Reynolds, 121, Omaha, scored a technical knockout at 2:12 of the first over Sammy Smith, 120, Ottumwa, Ia.

Lincoln—Darby Kelly is now matchmaker for the boxing shows promoted by Adam Kriegler at the Fairgrounds Arena. Kelly has had 25 years of experience and plans to stage semi-monthly boxing cards. Unattached boxers seeking work or managers having boxers can get in touch with Darby Kelly at 2026 O Street, Lincoln, Neb., or phone him at Lincoln 2-2677.

SHORT JABS—Remember Buster Spataro, who copped the Mid-West Golden Gloves bantamweight crown in 1940 while fighting for the South Omaha Recreation team? After a stint in the service Spataro moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., where he continued to box as an amateur and made a fine showing in the A.A.U. tourneys. At 28 years of age Spataro joined the pros and lost a decision to the classy Denver featherweight, Art Irlando, who is undefeated in four professional starts to date . . . . Since Joe Danos and Manager Champ Thomas left Omaha to campaign in the Troy, N. Y., roped district, Danos has chalked up wins over Sammy Walker, Ruby Margolin and Frank Cordino . . . . Bob Rushing, former boxer, is now managing Rodney Reynolds and also doubles as boxing instructor at Creighton University . . . . This will floor you! Not so long ago one of our younger set who enjoys reading the comic books approached his father with a comic book in his hand and the question of: "Daddy, was there ever a fighter in Omaha by the name of Tommy Grogan?" His father told him of the many pier-sixers that Grogan used to fight in the Omaha Arena. His father showed me the comic book which prompted the question from his son. It was a Mickey Finn (Book No. 13), and sure enough, Tommy Grogan, listed as being from Omaha, was fighting One Round Hogan in Chicago . . . . James Bartlett, 1947 Mid-West Golden Gloves welterweight champion, whose real name is Nelson Levering, has joined the professionals and has been to the post three times at Topeka, Kan. . . . . The Omaha Jewish Community Center will produce a Golden Gloves team this year. Coaches Murray Howard, Leonard Hawkins and Ted Baker have several good boys rounding into shape.

Omaha—The first team of Omaha amateurs swung into action over in the city auditorium at Council Bluffs, Ia., and the Omahans came out on the little end of the score, 4-2. The highlight of the team match was when Ed (Bearcat) Wright, Jr., just 16 years old and weighing 225 pounds, mauled out a decision over Will Harper, 188, of the Omaha YMCA.

Omaha—Glory and gloom both fell over the household of Vince Foster, Omaha's fistic pride in the welterweight ranks. Just before Foster's fight with Irish Jimmy Sanders at Chicago Stadium, he was given the news that his wife had given birth to a son in Portland, Ore. Very much inspired, Vince went into the ring and planned to polish Sanders quickly and catch the train for Portland. Foster floored Sanders in the first round, dumped him to the deck in the third, and then went on to outpoint the Louisville, Ky., welter to take the eight-round decision. The fight was on a Friday night and Vince hurried to Portland. The new baby son died on Saturday.

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New Faces

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promising of the newer crop to show itself in some time.

Out of the simon pures since 1947 when he won the Northwest Golden Gloves light-heavyweight diadem, Eddie has won eight, lost two and had one draw in his professional trail. As an amateur he notched seventeen wins against one loss.

In his early bouts as a pro Cotton showed tendencies of becoming another one of those defensive battlers with no special yen to toe the mark. However subsequent bouts have showed the lad to possess a wicked left hook and a better than middling right. His knockouts over George Cote, Frankie Gimbel, Roy Wouters and Ward Holland, scored one after the other in action bouts, prove the Seattlian has what it takes aggressively as well as defensively.

Cotton is ably trained and managed by Frisco McGale, who as a professional had a hundred some odd bouts before turning to training and managing. He should know what it is all about.

Promotional Rivalry

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The thing that licked Fugazy was the same obstacle that has confronted all Garden opposers—no indoor arena. At one time Fugazy seemed on the brink of getting one started around the Columbus Circle district of New York City but something happened to his backing and nothing ever came of it.

Most of Humbert's promotional successes were gained around the time that Rickard and Madison Square Garden were at loggerheads with James J. Farley and the New York Boxing Commission over the Dempsey-Wills-Tunney issue. This aided Fugazy somewhat. He also possessed considerable political influence on his own.

Fugazy bowed quietly out of fight promotion along about 1930 as the depression of the early thirties moved in. He has since devoted his time to the family banking business and shows up at fights occasionally. A dapper, well groomed, personable chap, he hasn't changed much with the years. He can look back with considerable pride to his colorful promotions of the roaring twenties when his shows amassed impressive gate receipts, introduced some good foreigners to American audiences, scored for charity, gave the Garden some anxious moments, and produced some exciting fights.

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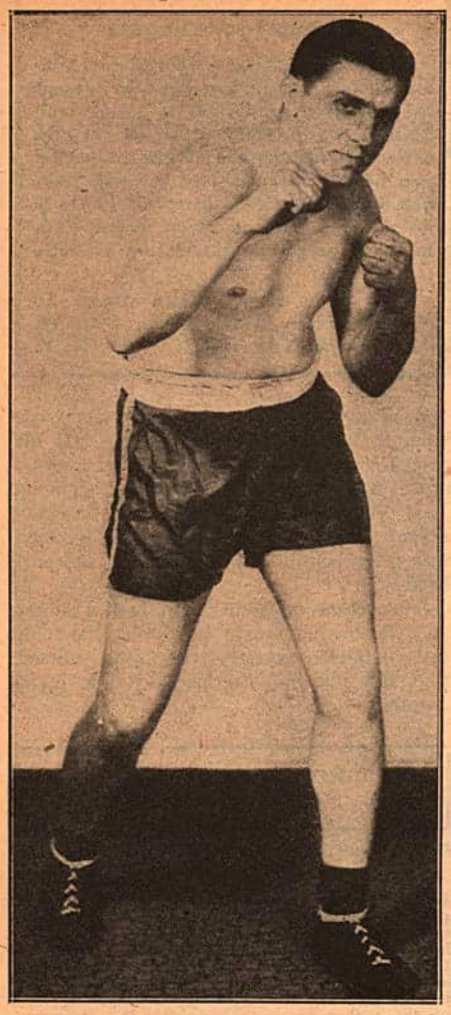
THE late James J. Johnston free lanced in the promotional orbit for years but never waged what could be called open warfare with the Garden or Rickard. More aptly, his objective seemed to be directing boxing in the Garden itself, a position he eventually assumed.

Not so Michael S. Jacobs, most complete fistic monopolist of them all, the man who finally wrested from the Garden Corporation its irreplaceable asset, the heavyweight championship of the world. Where—as Rickard was satisfied to control the big boys and let it go at that, Mike aimed at and achieved control of everything pugilistic. After forcing the Garden into a partnership, he tied up every world's champion and most of the contenders.



Freddie Vorster, who won the South African light-heavyweight crown by outpointing Johnny Villiers at the Olympic Ice Rink at Johannesburg. In his latest outing Freddie defeated Willie Quentemeyer of Pretoria in eight rounds.

The instrument of Mike's success was the great fighter Joe Louis, a pugilist so gifted, Mike was able to parlay the exploitation of his talents into a complete monopoly.

Still, the results of Jacobs' long regime were most beneficial. Mike brought a crowd handling and ticket seating efficiency to the business that had been sadly lacking before. All fighters, regardless of race, color or nationality, got chances at titles.

Under Jacobs' auspices, Louis' long reign as champion turned into one of the brightest pages in boxing history. All these good things were the developments of the competition that started between the Milk Fund and Jacobs on one side and the Madison Square Garden Corp., on the other.

The present conflict between the T. of C. and the 20th Century cannot help but benefit both fans and fighters. Both outfits are being master minded by unusually able men in Harry Markson, new boss of the Jacobs-Garden combine, and Andy Neidereiter, a veteran who has been through the mill and knows the ropes.

Good Club Fighters

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JOHNNY MILES

JOHNNY MILES is a 23-year-old student at Brevard College whose home town is Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Johnny is studying physical education and is a great believer in the practical application of theory which is one of the reasons for his pugilistic career.

Miles is a former Children's Home boy who in his youth used to read everything he could get his hands on that dealt with boxing and other athletics. He would read how to box and then go down to the YMCA and try out what he had studied.

It was at the YMCA that he started fighting as a simon-pure and it was there that his mentor, Jerry Guiseffi, cast his peepers on the lad. He liked the kid's style and talked boxing to the youngster evolving in a partnership that is proving profitable to both.

Johnny has a honey of a left hook and his style pleases the fans. Most of his bouts have been ding-dong slugging affairs with Miles ending up the winner.

The Twin City lad entered the army in 1941 and on his release he again boffed a beezer or two as an amateur before deciding that medals didn't help pay his way through life and so Johnny turned pro.

His total record shows 41 fights with 39 wins and two losses. The breakdown shows his hitting power. Of his 39 wins 31 were via the knockout route and eight by decisions.

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SAMMY GALVAN

SAMMY GALVAN, 21-year-old Mexican-American featherweight, from El Paso, Texas, is undefeated in 28 pro fights, the streamlined scrapper has met some of the best little boys down along the Rio border and is a popular performer.

Born in Fresno, Calif., May 14, 1928, Sammy now makes his home in El Paso. He started his pro career late in 1946 and has campaigned throughout the Southwest. He is a busy little fighter who gives the fans action. His manager is George Britt.

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Intimate Sidelights

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with a squad of newspapermen from St. Louis, where Gene Tunney had been signed to box Dempsey, the train stopped for a few minutes at Terre Haute.

A dashing youngster, with pearly teeth and an infectious grin, climbed aboard the special car housing the promoter and newspapermen. He was boisterously greeted.

"Where's Tex?" inquired the youth.

"Back in the drawing room."

The youth walked through the car and opened the door of the drawing room. He walked over to Rickard, stuck out his hand.

"How are you, Mr. Rickard?"

"Fine, fine," replied the promoter, a puzzled look in his piercing eyes.

"What are you doin' out here?" asked Rickard, obviously fumbling for conversation with the smiling visitor.

"Why, I live here, you know. Just came down to the station to say hello to you and the gang as you went through."

The youth presently leaped off the train, as it started again on the trip to New York.

"Say, who was that young feller?" Rickard asked. "His face looks familiar, but I just can't place him."

There was a burst of laughter.

"What's the joke?" demanded Rickard.

"Why, nothing," said one of the scribes, "except that the 'young feller' was Bud Taylor, bantamweight champion of the world, and you didn't know him."

"I knew I had seen that young feller before," mumbled Rickard, but still he did not laugh. In all the years I knew Tex I never saw him break out into a deep laugh. He just wasn't built that way.

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TEX could get mad, though. He never was more peeved than one afternoon prior to the Chicago fight between Tunney and Dempsey. The heat in the Pineapple City was terrific. Rickard had hidden away two bottles of real beer in the ice box in his private office.

On the afternoon in question he came in from an inspection of Soldiers Field very warm. He excused himself to all callers and went into his private room, locking the door behind him. He was set to finish that nice, cold beer. But, alas and alack, when he went to the ice box the beer was gone. A brace of equally thirsty scribes had finished it not half an hour earlier.

Was Rickard mad! He came out with his ever-present stick swishing, demanding to know who had committed the outrage.

"I'll break this over the head of the fellow that got that beer," he roared. Though the culprits were within reach of the stick at that moment, neither spoke up. It would not have been wise.

The nearest the writer ever saw Rickard to a real laugh was when the gang was returning from Fair Haven, N. J., on his yacht, after a trip to the camp of Tom Heeney.

At Fair Haven, Rickard had appeared before a talkie camera to make a brief speech. There was much giggling when he stepped out to talk. His white trousers were badly streaked. One of the newspaper fellows had stuffed his pockets with ice. That was not at all funny to Tex.

On the way home he took an over-ripe egg and dropped it into the coat pocket of Harry Grayson of the *New York Telegram*; breaking the egg as he dropped it in. Rickard figured Grayson, an inveterate practical joker, was the one who had loaded him with ice. When Grayson discovered the egg in his pocket, Tex grinned. That was as far as he ever went.

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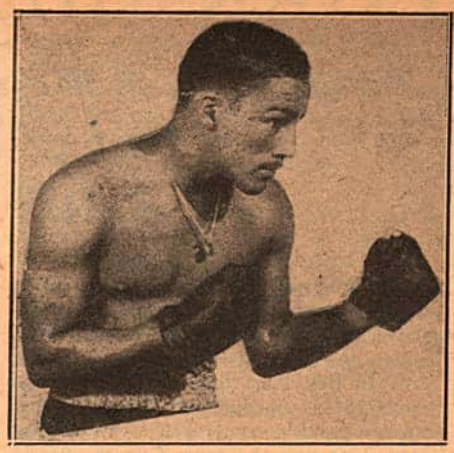
THERE was a bit of humor connected with an incident at Fair Haven that day. The famous "Six Hundred Millionaires," of whom Rickard was so proud, had come down en masse to watch Heeney box. They were packed around the ring six deep.

Charlie Harvey, Heeney's manager-in-chief, came bustling toward the ring.

"Gangway, gentlemen, gangway," he pleaded mildly. After much pushing and shoving he reached the ring.

No sooner had he arrived there than he let out a whoop of dismay. Well he might. For, when Harvey started to push his way through the press of millionaires he had had $800 in his pocket, with which he intended to pay off honest Tom's sparring partners. When he reached the ring the $800 was gone. Though it wasn't funny to Harvey, the newspapermen got a laugh out of the idea of Charlie having his pocket picked while rubbing up against the famous "Six Hundred Millionaires."



Jesus "Chico" Varona, 21-year-old Cuban welterweight, who recently knocked out Young Finnegan, Panama's best fighter, in six rounds at Colon, Panama. Bobby North has brought the bright prospect to the States. Varona also defeated Tito Despaigne in Panama. "Chico" is hot on the trail of Kid Gavilan who gained a decision over him in Cuba in Varona's ninth pro fight.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By JACK LEVINSON

BULLDOG RUTHERFORD of Roanoke got revenge over Gene Hardison, Norfolk middleweight, in the ten-round main event at the Legion Auditorium in Roanoke. Hardison won easily over the "Bulldog" at Norfolk in a previous bout but in the return tilt, Rutherford enjoyed the same type victory. "Tiger Man" Hardison was on the canvas for the count of nine in the seventh round.

Don Bowman, 132, of Knoxville, Tenn., won an easy victory over Harry Harvey, 130, of Savannah, Ga., in eight rounds.

Lou Yonkers, 113, of Roanoke, stopped Jack Patton, 112, of Miami, Fla., in the fourth round. Willie Linah from Savannah outclassed Sammy Pickard of Roanoke. The referee stopped the bout in the second.

Manager Emmett Jacobs of Roanoke, who directs flyweight Lou Yonkers, a very capable scrapper, recently made a trip to New York, endeavoring to get proper connections leading to a possible title bout.

Chief Archie DeMarco of the U. S. Navy, also cousin of lightweight Paddy DeMarco, is now stationed in Norfolk. Archie is assistant to the Fleet Athletic Officer of the Atlantic Fleet. DeMarco is very active in the local amateur boxing circles.

The light-heavyweight amateur champion of Virginia, Dickie Stagg, is planning to make his professional debut shortly. Chief Jakubisyn of the U. S. Navy will continue to handle the "Blond Tiger's" business. Dickie has an impressive record of 76 victories in 87 amateur bouts. The seasoned scrapper was stopped only one time, this being by the T.K.O. route, when a cut eye caused the referee to halt hostilities in the recent National A.A.U. tournament.

Norfolk has possibly the finest small arena in the country. The city-owned auditorium has a seating capacity of 4300, and perfect parking facilities. But the promoters have somewhat killed professional interest, because of their very many mismatches, and failures to attempt to develop local talent, so necessary for local interest. Any information desired regarding this section can be secured by writing yours truly. My address is: 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

IN the feature eight-rounder of an all local show at Turner's Arena, John Hanbury, 159½, won the unanimous duke over Johnny Holt, 160, despite a fractured knuckle bone Hanbury suffered in the fifth. In the third, Holt took a nine count when Hanbury dropped him with a left hook. Holt's lip was split in the fourth and bled profusely until the final bell.

In an eight-round semi-windup Red Gaddis, 129, won a unanimous decision over Bert Wicks, 126½. The decision was roundly booed, but it looked like Gaddis to your observer.

In a scheduled fiver Walter Hamm, 126½, won via a T.K.O. in 1:18 of the third over Jimmy Jennette, 123, when the referee stepped in to stop the bout with Jennette dazed and hurt. Your Reporter's advice to Jimmy, a good little battler with lots of heart should hang 'em up before it's too late. Two fours completed the card with Angelo Marini, 150, winning over Dick Barber, 157, and Bobby Suma, 146, scoring over Miles Tones, 143.

In a ten-round feature, Beau Jack, 144, former lightweight champ, won via the T.K.O. route over Eric Boon, 143½, an importation from the British Isles, in 1:21 of the third. Jack scored with a stinging right that sent Boon reeling across the ring. Seeing the Englishman draped across the ropes, Eddie LaFond stepped in to stop the bout. Beau was the master as Boon was lost when the battling was on the inside. Jack's punch and bolos were working to perfection and he looked like his former self.

In the semi-final six, Elkins Brothers, 190, Washington, K.O.'ed the highly regarded Willie Champion, 200, of New York City, in 1:27 of the second. In the other sixer Bob Baldwin, 153, New York City, knocked out King David, 153½, Washington, in 2:21 of the third. Two fours completed the show with Jackie Ford, 142, winning as he pleased over Granderson Jones, 138, and Dick Barber, 160, decisioning Matthews "Singapore Slim" Daniels, 165½. All boys from D. C.

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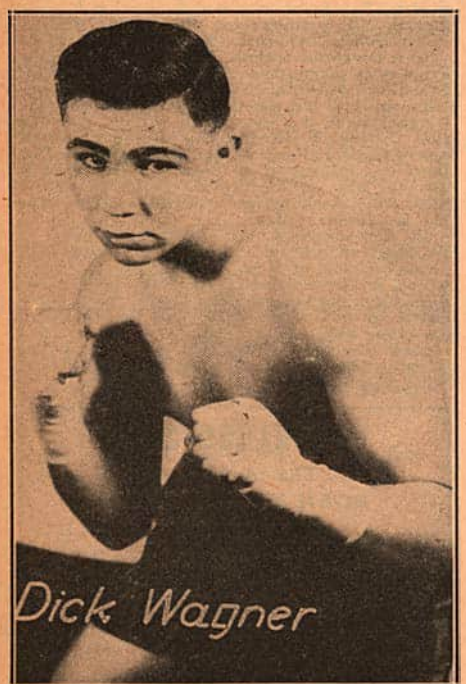
About a year ago THE RING ran an article on a "New Face" who had Philadelphians all excited. Today that lad is ready

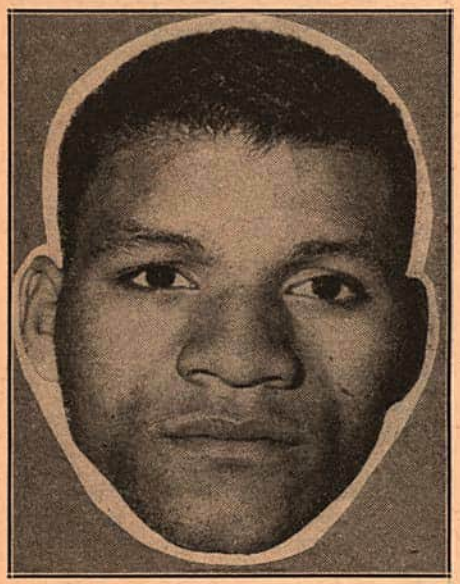


Dick Wagner, West Coast light-heavy, making an Eastern campaign.

to make his bid for eminence in the light-heavyweight division. His name is Harold Johnson.

A product of the Navy, Johnson is the son of a former heavyweight, Phil Johnson, and is managed and trained by a famous gladiator of over four decades ago, Tom Loughrey.

Johnson has a record of nineteen straight wins, his latest victory being his most important. Harold knocked out Augustino Guedes, the Portuguese puncher, in three heats. In that bout Johnson conceded ten pounds to his opponent and showed that he was a good boxer as well as a powerful hitter. This was the same Guedes who in his previous bout to the Johnson affair



Harold Johnson, Philadelphia's ace light-heavyweight.

had knocked out Blackjack Billy Fox in six cantos.

Philadelphia has fathered the holders of three world light-heavyweight crowns. The late Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who was widely accepted as king of the 175 pound roost. Later on Philly had Battling Levinsky, who dethroned Jack Dillon for the title and in turn was plucked from the throne by Georges Carpentier. Then came the clever Tommy Loughran, who retired undefeated.

With such a history it is understandable why Philadelphians are excited whenever a likely prospect comes along.

The Quaker City's leading promoter, Herman Taylor, has cabled to England offering Freddie Mills, world's light-heavy-champion, a large guarantee to fight Johnson at Philadelphia this winter.

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ANOTHER light-heavy who is showing that he has the stuff, is Sylvester Perkins, the Negro battler from the Windy City. He started his professional career in fisticuffs last year and since then has moved into the light-heavyweight picture.

Fighting better than average competition, Perkins was first taken seriously by the fans when he kayoed Jimmy Curl, administering the first defeat to the Floridian in 17 previous starts.

The 21-year-old South-sider went on to pull a surprise ten round victory over Tommy Yarosz, tenth ranking light-heavy, who had been installed at ring time as a four to one favorite. His aggressiveness and effective counter punching outclassed Yarosz and established Sylvester as a light-heavy to be reckoned with.

In his last three outings Perkins had defeated Charley Banks and Lloyd Gibson in tens and knocked out Ossie Harris in eight.

Lamar Joe Mobley, the lad's mentor, has every reason to have faith in the future of his charge.

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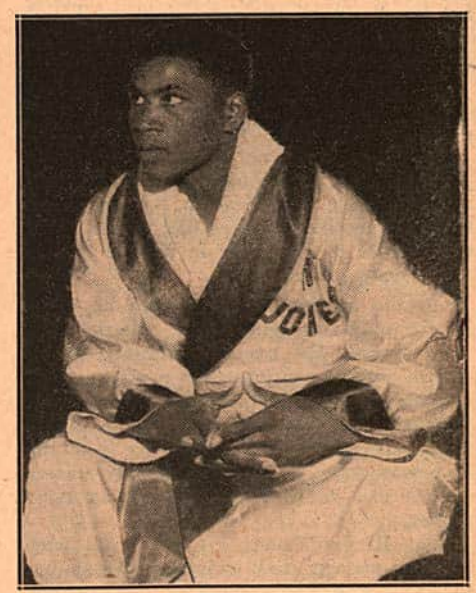
A 21-YEAR-OLD light-heavyweight, Dick Wagner, started his campaigning out on the West Coast in 1945 and so impressed Charley Black, his manager, that he brought the lad East.

Since his arrival in New York Wagner has progressed rapidly. He reminds many of Leo Lomski, who like Wagner was a good banger, aggressive and the possessor of a honey of a left hook.

Dick reached his best form when he



Maynard Jones, who fights in the heavyweight class but can get down to the light-heavyweight limit.

turned in an impressive performance at Yankee Stadium on the Jesse Flores-Ike Williams card. He fought his way to a six round decision over Dan Bucceroni, the Philadelphian, who up to that contest had been undefeated in fifteen bouts.

Whitey Bimstein is training the youngster and Whitey is all enthused over the possibilities of this tiger from the Coast. "He picks up everything you show him,"

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Deadly Pivot Won

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Dempsey opened the next round by hitting La Blanche two terrific blows on the left ear, and the Marine staggered Dempsey with a right to the jaw just as they came out of a clinch that followed Dempsey's attack to the other's ear. More cries of foul were raised, but the referee disregarded them.

Similar cries were raised at the opening of the ninth, when La Blanche rushed into a clinch and threw Dempsey down again. When Dempsey arose, he gave La Blanche a sharp uppercut, but got a hard wallop on the neck a moment later.

In the tenth round, La Blanche started out twice in attempted rushes, but each time he got a staggering right to the jaw that had the effect of making him more cautious. Both the eleventh and twelfth rounds were featured by clinches with neither man scoring a telling blow.

Dempsey landed heavily with his right on La Blanche's jaw three times at the start of the thirteenth and followed them with a hard right to the ribs. Just before the round closed, he caught La Blanche again on the neck and got in return a crasher on the chest.

Dempsey went after the Marine's jaw again in the fourteenth and La Blanche appeared to be somewhat unsteady from the effects of those attacks. Dempsey again got in two hard rights to the jaw just as the round ended.

Dempsey took the aggressive in the fifteenth and essayed several rushes but La Blanche turned each attempt into a clinch, and finally, staging one of his own rushes, succeeded in giving Dempsey a sharp, stinging blow on the forehead. La Blanche was the aggressor in the next round and forced several lively clinches in which he got the worst of it, and near the close of the round got a punishing right on his nose.

La Blanche's jaw was the target for Dempsey's opening attack in the seventeenth, but the Marine retaliated with a vicious thump on the "Nonpareil's" ear. Dempsey stepped out of the way of another vicious lunge and gave the Marine a smashing blow on the neck and another on the wind.

La Blanche was knocked to the floor by a terrific right to the neck, one of seven blows which Dempsey landed on that same spot in succession. Shouts of applause filled the hall at that.

The succeeding rounds were pretty much the same; Dempsey giving La Blanche a severe gruelling and the latter taking it in good form. But in the thirty-first round, La Blanche turned the tables. He began by trying to pretend he was groggy, but Dempsey was wary of that and worked cautiously, the round ending with honors about even.

At the start of the thirty-second round, Dempsey rushed La Blanche to the latter's own corner, landing three blows and getting one in return. It was evident, however, that the "Nonpareil" was getting weak, and the Marine recognized it.

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AS soon as he had recovered from the blows delivered in his own corner, La Blanche caught the "Nonpareil" on the neck and before Dempsey had a chance to return, spun around and into Dempsey's arms.

As he whirled into Dempsey's arms, La Blanche caught the "Nonpareil" with a terrific right-hand swing that landed squarely on the nose and then hit him on the jaw with that pivot blow, which had twice the force of the other blow. Dempsey dropped insensible. The timekeeper counted twelve seconds and the "Nonpareil" did not move.

After lying limp upon his face, with blood running from his nose and mouth, the fallen champion of many battles twice attempted to struggle to his hands and knees, but fell back helplessly each time. Finally, he got up dazed and bewildered. He held a hand aloft as if in appeal to the referee or the crowd. Then he staggered to the ropes and hung there. La Blanche stood in a corner smiling.

As soon as he had sufficiently recovered his senses, Dempsey reeled over to La Blanche and fell against him.

"You'll give me another fight, won't you?" he implored of the Marine, and upon the latter's nodding his head in assent tottered over to one of the directors of the club, calling out:

"He'll give me another fight; he'll give me another fight. You hear it?"

The assurance of that return bout seemed to bring Dempsey completely back to his senses, and he went over and shook hands with the winner.

Dempsey died on November 1, 1895, in Portland, Oregon. A splendid monument attests to his popularity, and his station in the ranks of fistiana. To this day he remains a hero among the Irish. To them he was regarded as one of the greatest fighters of all time.

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Saddler Is the Fighter of Month

By THE RING STAFF

TO Sandy Saddler, Harlem Negro, goes "The Fighter of the Month" honor for his great triumph over Willie Pep in Madison Square Garden. An underdog when he entered the ring, Sandy upset the applecart by dethroning Willie and handing him the first knockout the champion had suffered in 137 battles. Sandy now heads the featherweight division, with Pep the leading challenger, the reverse of last month's order.

Many new faces appear in the ratings this issue due to upsets in most of the classes. Although Ike Williams, lightweight king, was the only other title holder to see action during the month, the top men in almost all classes were busy and in a number of cases they went down to defeat. The biggest surprise in that respect, other than the Saddler upset of Pep, was the defeat of Rusty Payne by Johnny Flynn and the victory of Joe Kahut over Joey Maxim in the heavyweight ranks.

Though the Kahut victory was a tainted one according to all reports, the fact remains that the ranking of boxers is made on results and not on conjectures, hence Maxim, who was rated high, has fallen down to tenth post and Kahut joins the ranks of the elite in number nine post.

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BERT LYTELL, who on his tour of Central America, has been victorious in all his fights, has again become the leading challenger for Marcel Cerdan's title. Cyrille Delannoit, who beat Luc Van Dam of Belgium, rates just below Zale in third spot.

In the welterweight class, the defeat of Tippy Larkin by Charley Fusari put Charley back in the ranking ten. He is listed fifth and Larkin has been dropped out of the select circle. Henry Hall, British welter king, who took the title from Ernie Roderick, has joined the rated men and is in tenth post.

Bolton Ford came out of nowhere to outpoint the highly regarded Paulino Montes, hitherto undefeated lightweight of the year. Ford thereby jumped into sixth place and Montes dropped to seventh.

Carlos Chavez, who is one of the nation's top lightweights, a recent graduate from the featherweight ranks, is going well and should soon find himself in the challenger's post. He is one of those who should be brought East by Harry Markson to show against our best lightweights in the Garden. He is ranked eighth.

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ELIS ASK, one of the sweetest featherweights in Europe, continues to show his wares to advantage. His latest victim was Eddie Miller, the best featherweight in Australia and champion of his class Down Under. They fought in London and Elis won and now ranks third.

Henry Davis is a newcomer, in tenth post. He defeated Jorge Sanchez by the knockout route and previously he had whipped Harold Dade.

By scoring a victory in Guam against Gon Ladrazo in five rounds via the knockout route, Cecil Schoonmaker, a New Yorker now on tour, gained the uppermost bracket among challengers for Ortiz's title. Cecil has been traveling at a rapid pace.

Al Chavez, also a victor by the kayo route in Guam, gained a notch among the flyweights, from tenth to ninth position. Maurice Sandeyron, victor over Dickie O'Sullivan in a 15-round title match after O'Sullivan had beaten Sandeyron in eight rounds, retains his position as leading flyweight contender. The month's leading fights follow:

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending November 16, 1948

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Freddie Mills	World's Champion Marcel Cerdan	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Gus Lesnevich	Bert Lytell	Bernard Docusen
2—Ezzard Charles	Sylvester Perkins	Tony Zale	Kid Gavilan
3—Lee Savold	Dave Sands	Cyrille Delannoit	Tommy Bell
4—Jimmy Bivins	Lloyd Marshall	Jake LaMotta	Johnny Greco
5—Johnny Flynn	Archie Moore	Steve Belloise	Charley Fusari
6—Joe Baksi	Charley (Doc) Williams	Rocky Graziano	Charley Williams
7—Rusty Payne	Nick Barone	Anton Raadik	Johnny Cesario
8—Melio Bettina	Pat McCafferty	Dick Turpin	Gene Burton
9—Joe Kahut	Leonard Morrow	Robert Villemain	Billy Graham
10—Joey Maxim	Henry Hall	Lee Sala	Henry Hall

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Sandy Saddler	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Willie Pep	Cecil Schoonmaker	Maurice Sandeyron
2—Maxie Docusen	Ray Famechon	Guido Ferracin	Dickie O'Sullivan
3—Freddie Dawson	Elis Ask	Luis Romero	Dado Marino
4—Tommy Campbell	Miguel Acevedo	Memo Valero	Monito Flores
5—Jesse Flores	Tirso del Rosario	Chico Rosa	Louis Skena
6—Bolton Ford	Eddie Miller	Jackie Paterson	Emile Famechon
7—Paulino Montes	Lauro Salas	Georges Mousse	Black Pico
8—Carlos Chavez	Eddie Compo	David Kui Kong Young	Charlie Squire
9—Johnny Williams	Jackie Graves	Luis Galvani	Al Chavez
10—Paddy DeMarco	Henry Davis	Theo Medina	Jimmy Hogg

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Johnny Flynn scored a big upset in decisioning Rusty Payne, 10. Walter Hafer registered a major upset by stopping the highly publicized Jo Weidin in 9. Joe Kahut upset Joey Maxim, 15. Melio Bettina whipped Sandy McPherson, 10.

Tami Mauriello started his comeback with a two-round knockout over Roy Taylor. Roscoe Toles came back after a long layoff to defeat Bill Peterson, 10. Max Schmeling announced his retirement after dropping a ten-round decision to Richard Vogt. Tami Mauriello K.O.'ed Leo Stoll, 4. Joe Weidin beat Don Mogard, 10. Billy Conn stopped Mike O'Dowd, 10. Lee Q. Murray and Alabama Kid drew, 10. Ezzard Charles K.O.'ed Walter Hafer, 7.

Scottish champion Ken Shaw drew with Nisse Anderson, 10. German champion Hein ten Hoff defeated Kleinholdermann, 10. St. Paul stopped Duilio Spagnola, 7, and John Thomas, 4.

Leo Matriciani defeated Bernie Reynolds, 10. Paddy Slavin knocked out Frank Ronan, 7. Omelio Agramonte defeated Johnny Bullet, 10.

Phil Muscato outpointed Shamus O'Brien, 10. Hubert Hood halted Bill Roberts, 2, and beat Henry Jones, 6. Roland LaStarza outpointed Mike Jacobs, 6, and Don Mogard, 8. Kid Riviera whipped O'Dell Riley, 8. Maynard Jones knocked out Art Brown, 1.

Frank Ronan kayoed Tom Reddington, 7. Aaron Wilson chilled Gabriel Bigotte, 1. Bobby Quinn defeated Abel Gonzalves, 8. Don Jabbora outpointed Franklin Miller, 4. George Kaplan defeated John Garner, 6. Carmine Vingo stopped Tommy Georgio, 4.

Richard Hagan bested Pedro Bradley, 6. Curt Kennedy knocked out Willie Jones, 3. Vern Mitchell decisioned Henry Jones, 10. Jimmy Freeman kayoed Phil Alston, 5.

Mike Campfarella defeated Arthur Brown, 6. Mike Buha won over Lloyd Michigan, 4. Artie Donato defeated Tony Jess, 6. Sylvester Salters kayoed Zack Johnson, 1. James Walls whipped Johnny Williams, 4.

Joe Chesel bested Mike Jacobs, 8.

Gene Jones outpointed Johnny Haynes, 8. Curt Kennedy won over Frankie Jones, 6.

Joey Maxim whipped Bob Satterfield, 10. Roscoe Toles shaded Al Brown, 8. Willie Bean nodded Dutch Culbertson, 10.

Tommy Gomez kayoed Fidel Arciniega, 3. Phil Muscato flattened Shamus O'Brien, 8.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Freddie Mills knocked out South African heavyweight champion Johnny Ralph, 8. Henry Hall upset Archie Moore, 10, and then Moore lost on a foul to Lloyd Gibson in 4. Billy Grant outscored George Kochan, 10. Nick Barone stopped George Kochan, 10.

Alabama Kid was held to a ten-round draw by Bob Amos. Pat McCafferty whipped Clinton Bacon, 10, and knocked out Ray Spurlock, 7. Billy Fox drew with Ted Lowry, 10.

Al Johnson stopped Ringo Harris, 7. Eddie LaMarr defeated Dolph Quijano, 15. Black Bill bested El Zurdo, 10. Bob Isler stopped Billy Pappas, 6.

Tommy Yarosz won over Richie Dallas, 8. Dick Wagner stiffened Johnny Williams, 8. Gene Darconte stopped Bob Jefferson, 1. John Garner halted Warren Peterson, 2.

Billy Doerner defeated Billy Pappas, 6. Buddy Turner chilled Frazier Moore, 4. Dom Perro was too fast for Johnny Williams, 4. Perro then knocked out Ted Harrison, 3. Phil Berman kayoed Johnny Fisher, 2. Archie Moore beat Henry Hall, 10.

Harold Johnson defeated Jim Holden, 8.

Artie Levine kayoed Willie Hedgemond, 1. Bobby Morris defeated Johnny Risko, 4.

Rodney Jones decisioned Dick Finley, 4.

Sylvester Perkins knocked out Pat McCafferty, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Belgian champion Cyrille Delannoit won the vacant European title by outpointing Dutch champion Luc van Dam, 15, after van Dam had beaten Giovanni Manca, 10. Robert Villemain won from Verdinelli of Spain in Lisbon in 10.

Australian champion Dave Sands stopped Len Dittmar, 5. Jean Stock won vacant French title by halting Lucien Krawsyck, 10.

British champion Dick Turpin outboxed Bert Saunders, 8, and stopped Duggie Miller, 7. Bert Lytell outscored Jose Basora and Gentle Daniel, 10.

Lee Sala won close 10-round decision from Reuben Jones, outpointed Tony DiMicco, 10, and Nick Kashuba, 10. Kashuba outpointed Chet Vinci, 10.

Jake LaMotta shaded Vern Lester, 10. Lester then dropped a 10-rounder to Tony DiMicco. Charley (Zivic) Affif kayoed Gene Boland, 3, but lost to Pete Mead, 10. Mead also flattened Sal Richie, 5.

Steve Belloise knocked out Bobby James, 4. Anton Raadik whipped Red Priest, 10. Jack Snapp chilled Billy Arnold, 7, but lost to Milo Savage, 10. Bert Linam nodded Chaforo Martinez, 15. Joey DeJohn stopped Oswaldo Silvo.

Carl (Bobo) Olson outfought Kenny Watkins, 10. Watkins also was stopped by Bob Murphy, 9.

Albert Finch whipped Mark Hart, 12. Tony Elizondo kayoed Jack Graham, 3. Johnny Potenti kayoed Johnny Freeman, 4. Roy Miller iced Benny McCombs, 6, and drew with Louis Gray, 8.

Bill Daley nodded Herbie Kronowitz, 8. Ginger Sadd halted Trevor Burt, 6. Jackie Burke won over Smuggy Hursey, 10, and defeated Jack Biddle, 6.

Buddy Farrell drew with Gene Buffalo, 8. Al Winn stopped Al Fisher, 6. Burl Charity edged out Joe Taylor, 10.

Boy Brooks drew with Ike Patton, 6. Alfredo Pescatore beat Bill Partin, 4. Sylvester Perkins stopped Ossie Harris, 8. Jimmy Flood won a close one from Lee Patrick, 8, and beat Eddie Ocasio, 8.

Joe Danos decisioned Frankie Cordino, 10. Jimmy Herring flattened Ray Thomas, 4, and Chino Prado, 6. Joe Rindone stopped Maxie Spoon, 5, and bested Chet Vinci in 10.

Fist Dever whipped Cannonball Conovas, 10. Nick Bufalino won over Pete Masters, 6, but lost to Bob Morgan, 6. Gus Cossifus defeated Bobby Tighe, 4.

Sipio Lofton stopped Red Archie, 6, and defeated Leroy Coleman, 8. Tony Johnson shaded Frank Incortera, 4, and kayoed Wally Brooks, 1. Jose Contreras defeated Bobby Zollo, 10. Paddy Young stopped George Clark, 5.

Tommy Varsos chilled Armando Amanini, 2. Nat Blum kayoed Danny Ventura, 1, and Paul Cannon, 3, but lost to Costo Shimkvich, 6. Jim Walters won over Lee Partick, 6. Tony Masciarelli kayoed Mel Hawkins, 6.

Carmine Vitale decisioned Dan Venture, 4. Norman Horton defeated Ray Ryan, 4. Dick Callahan was disqualified in the fourth round of his bout with Johnny Freeman.

Jimmy Walters decisioned Ray Bryan, 6. Eddie Perkins beat Eddie Beta, 4. Bobby Tighe bested Bill Partin, 4.

Joe Blackwood battered Ken Stribling, 10. Jack Snapp outpointed Larry Carter, 10.

Norman Horton stopped Bobby Dance, 4. Henry Chemel was a victor over Joe Reddick, 10.

Carmine Vitale beat Eddie Richardson, 4. Red Barton stopped Leonard Craig, 6.

Dick Callahan took a close eight-rounder from Johnny Freeman. Jimmy Herring chilled Art Robinson, 2. Tony Johnson stopped Harry Taylor, 1.

Tony Masciarelli nodded Ernie Butler, 10. Jimmy Beau chilled Fairest Norman, 2.

Bert Mendoza defeated Nap Howard, 10. Bobby Baldwin decisioned Johnny Crosby, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Bernard Docusen kayoed Al Robinson, 2, and battered Johnny Bratton, 10. Charley Fusari stopped Tippy Larkin when Tippy ran out of gas in the 6th. Ray Robinson beat Bobby Lee, 10. Tommy Bell beat Cecil Hudson, 10.

Kid Gavilan stopped Vinnie Rossano, 6. Gene Burton flattened Billy Nixon, 3. Tommy Bell knocked out middleweight Danny Martin in 10.

Henry Hall wrested the British title from Ernie Roderick, 15. Tony Janiro was held to a draw by Lou Valles, 10.

Johnny Cesario whipped Frankie Abrams, 10, and Joey Peralta, 10. Beau Jack stopped Eric Boon in 3. George Costner knocked out Eddie O'Neill, 7, and Bobby Mann, 7. Fritzie Zivic drew with Eddie Steele, 10.

Johnny Greco stopped Gabby Ferland, 6. Tony Pellone shaded Roman Alvarez, 10. Jean Walzack kayoed Omar Kouidri to win the vacant French title, 6.

Australian champion Tommy Burns was held to a draw by Mickey Tollis, 12, but came back to beat Tollis in 15-round title bout. Pritzie Pruden outpointed Terry Young, 8, and stopped Lenny Durham, 2. Kev Delaney stopped Clem Sands, 10, and whipped Jackie Daniels, 12. Eddie Giosa whipped Eddie Holtz, 8.

Rocco Rossano was held to an eight-round draw by Joey Carkido. Stan Hawthorne halted Alf Taylor, 4. Willie M'Bhata stopped Ginger Stewart, 6. Earl Turner defeated Irvin Steen, 10.

Otis Graham kayoed Herman McCray, 7, but lost to Haywood Wornum, 8. Honey Johnson knocked out Jimmy Milligan, 5. Chester Rico bested Maxie Starr, 8. Leo Sawicki stopped Don Williams, 8. Emmett Norris whipped Joe Brewer, 8.

Johnny Breitenbruck bested Joe Martino, 6. Jimmy DeMetrios kayoed Artie Martignetti, 3. Gene Salisbury chilled Jim Robnett, 1, and beat Billy Smith, 6. Joe Pyle knocked out Tommy Spencer, 3.

Al Adelson nodded Paul Hawks, 4. Billy Tierney drew with Buford Ransom, 10. Hy Melzer whipped Mario Marino, 6. Joe Lucignano won over Billy Lee, 10.

Norman Kelly stopped Carmine Cafarello, 3. Tommy Englehart kayoed James DeGrit, 2, beat Ray Thomas, 4, and kayoed Bill Chappy, 2. Shamus McCray nodded Benny Evans, 10.

Vince Foster defeated Jimmy Sanders, 8. Tony Baldoni stopped Joe Grum, 1. Al Baldisano decisioned Sammy Mastrean, 8, and Sammy also lost to Jim Hampton, 10. Billy Spangler drew with Dave Meredith, 5.

Hal Meredith beat Mario Coll, 10. Wilfredo Miro defeated Billy Patterson, 6. Sonny Bentley won over Jimmy Squarritto, 4. Bobby Dawson decisioned Jackie Cooper, 6.

Freddie Latson shaded Earl Peoples, 4. Red Perkins stopped Billy Murray, 3. Mario Marino won over Solly Levitt twice in six-rounders. Billy Wyatt knocked out Jimmy Wilson, 2. Billy Gallagher defeated Tim Lawrence, 6.

Bruce Ubaldo won over Tress Wilson, 6. Lester Felton stopped Bobby Brown, 6. Fred Pedriere whipped Joe DeSena, 4. Dave Peters stopped Ray Solomon, 4. Bobby Dykes stopped Dave Meredith, 10.

Cleo Shans kayoed Billy Morrih, 3. Jackie Cooper stopped Johnny Crosby, 3. Vince Marzac beat Lou Russo, 6. Billy Kearns stopped Alberto Pescatore, 1.

Charlie Lagore chilled Daniel Junior, 1. Doug Coley halted Harry Taylor, 1, but lost to Norman Kelly, 6. Mickey Alagna stopped Roosevelt Henry, 4. Cliff Hart kayoed Rudy Zadell, 1. Ross Anzalone decisioned Russell Howard, 8.

Honey Johnson stopped Ray Jackson, 3. Howard Freidman stopped Roy Thomas, 1. Johnny Kaufman stopped Glen Hendershot, 5. Joe Micilli battered Manny Torres, 8.

Carey Mace stopped Bill Louderman, 7. George Smith kayoed Carl Taulman, 5. Mario Marino outpointed Steve Riggio, 8. Carlin Scott chilled Shazan Williams, 3.

Bernard Docusen stopped Bert Linam, 4. Charley Williams halted Leon Gabriel, 8.

Al Hersh outclassed Joe DiMartino, 10. Buford Ransom chilled Dick Lee, 1.

Angelo Morganti was a winner over Freddie Latson, 8. Jim DeMetrios drew with Len Durham, 6. Charley Cotton knocked out Chuck Simmons, 2.

Kid Gavilan had too much class for Tony Pellone, 10. Emmett Norris stopped Vince Scott, 1. Jimmy Zaicko flattened Billy Gallagher, 2. Chico Pacheco stopped Jackie Armitage, 7.

Tony Baldoni stopped Billy Wyatt, 5. Johnny Breitenbruck whipped Joey Martino, 8. Johnny Bernardo beat Clyde Diggs, 6. Myron Padlo kayoed Jerry Lewis, 3.

Nick Mistovich won over Buddy Holderfield, 8. Fitzie Pruden kayoed Larry Jordan, 1. John Rollins defeated Tommy Mills, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Ike Williams flattened Buddy Garcia, 1 (non-title). Enrique Bolanos stopped Johnny Williams, 7.

Arthur King knocked out Nat Harden, 2. Paulino Montes kayoed Luis Torres, 6, but was defeated by Bolton Ford, 10. Freddie Dawson flattened Billy Justine, 1, and Charlie Milan, 10.

Maxie Docusen stopped Pee Wee Swingler, 4, and nodded John L. Davis, 10. Paddy DeMarco was too rough for Paulie Jackson in 8, and also for Bernie Bernard in 8.

Tommy Campbell kayoed Arturo Barron, 2, and Tommy Stenhouse, 8. Jesse Flores was held to a ten-round draw by Art Aragon. Sonny Boy West was too hot for James Carter in 10.

Carlos Chavez iced Torito Ramos, 5, and defeated Lauro Salas, 10. Freddie Russo stopped Humberto Sierra, 7.

Terry Young stopped Al Pennino, 4, but lost to welterweight Fritzie Pruden in 8. Hal Bagwell whipped Jimmy Jury, 8. Del Flanagan was too smart for Eddie Lander in 8. Tommy Barnham was too shifty for Hughie Smith, 8.

Eduardo Carrasco stopped Dino Bleta, 6, but lost to Nunzio Carto, 6. Leroy Willis was too good for Walter Kolby, 10. Stonewall Jackson nodded Tim Dalton, 10. Johnny McDonald flattened Fanie Bushney, 2. Chief Gordon House outpointed Tony Mar in 15 rounds.

Jackie Weber starched Angelo Ambrosano, 8, and beat John LaRusso, 8. Timothy Hayes outpointed Tony Riccio, 10, and kayoed Larry Sloan, 5. Keith Hamilton defeated Chaforo Martinez, 10. Danny Stepanovich, 10, and John LaRusso, 10. Del Cockayne whipped Herman Mills, 8.

Joe Discepoli kayoed Stan Hartman, 3, but was halted by Jim Robinson, 7. Bob Sandberg outpointed Gene Spencer, 10. Roy Andrews halted Tony Riccio, 7.

Ernie Hunick kayoed Alfredo Pescatore, 3, and Bud Cottey, 2. Fred Monforte decisioned Jimmy Tarangelo, 6, and George Wright, 6. James Watkins beat Joe DiGuardia, 4. Bruno Lijoi kayoed Domingo Rivera, 3.

Tony LaBua whipped Joey Belfiore, 8. Tommy Appostola beat Roosevelt Henry, 6. Joe Micilli halted Jerry Meckler, 6. Willie Beltram defeated Calvin Smith, 8, and Jimmy Collins, 8.

Leroy Willis beat Walter Kolby, 10. Eduardo Carrasco stopped Dino Bleta, 6. Steve Marcello decisioned Tony Ducharme, 8. Keith Nuttall halted Roscoe Scally, 8.

Jimmy Corti outpointed Johnny DeFazio, 6. Bobby Demonce whipped Billy Stevens, 4. Joe Gabriel defeated Charley McGarry, 6. Al Gualtieri outscored Juste Fontaine, 10.

Leo Milito was too fast for Nat Harden, 8. Leo also shaded Jimmy Warren, 10. Dom Saia stopped Joey Bayrnes, 5. Andy Bishop decisioned Blond Tiger, 8. Billy Murphy chilled Charley Donovan, 5. Henry LaSane decisioned Al Pennino, 10.

Harry Diduck beat Frankie Carini, 6. Jay Parlin whipped Manuel Dizon, 4, and Johnny Moran, 6. Jay White bested Paul O'Hara, 6. Jimmy Warren shaded Billy Liggett, 8.

Hermie Freeman chilled Vic Young, 6. Bobby Rosado defeated Jimmy Collins, 8. Harold Green stiffened Dick Lewis, 6.

Charley Green stopped Alvero Estrada, 6. Jean Mougin whipped Lem Thomas, 10. Joe Atria stopped John Graham, 3. Jennings Brotherton kayoed Glen Banfield, 1.

Leroy Willis drew with Harold Jones, 10. Charley Donovan whipped Jimmy Tarangelo, 6.

Bruno Lijoi halted McKinley Michauex, 3. Buddy Jacklich beat Charley Johnson, 10. Jimmy Corti stopped Paulie Jackson, 7.

Eddie Giosa outboxed Ike Jenkins, 8.

Jesse Flores knocked out Del Cockayne, 4. Dave Peters kayoed Jay Parlin, 1.

Charley Donovan bested Jimmy Tarangelo, 4.

Billy Murphy whipped Jimmy Watkins, 6. Johnny Johnikin knocked out Ray Lewis, 2. Bobby Nicholas defeated Eddie Dorsch, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Champion Willie Pep won a ten-rounder from John LaRusso, and then in a startling upset, Willie lost his featherweight crown to Sandy Saddler when he was knocked out in four rounds.

Jackie Graves chilled Manny Ortega, 1, but was held to a draw by Procter Heinhold, 8. Carlos Chavez, coming in as a lightweight, won over Lauro Salas, 10. Harold Dade defeated Charley Riley, 8.

Tirso del Rosario defeated Speedy Cabanella, 10. Humberto Sierra was knocked out by Freddie Russo, 7, but came back to outpoint Alfredo Pescatore, 8. Joe Velez knocked out Joey Dolan, 8.

British champion Ronnie Clayton lost to Jean Machtelinck, 10. Jackie Turpin repeated a previous win over Tommy Bailey, 8. Johnny Molloy outfought Frank Kelly, 12. Lou Alter halted Curley Drouin, 1, but was stopped by Jean Richard, 2.

Ray Fitton flattened Bert Jordan, 4, and outpointed Eddie Dumazel, 10. Henry Davis stopped Jorge Sanchez, 8. Fernando Gagnon knocked out Pancho Calderon, 5.

Australian champion Eddie Miller lost a close decision to Ellis Ask, 8. Glen Flanagan was a victor over Pat Murphy, 8. Charlie (Cabey) Lewis defeated Jose (Baby) Gonzales, 10. Percy Bassett knocked out Reuben Davis, 5, and Walter Cabey Lewis, 10.

Bobby Bell decisioned Billy Liggett, 8, but lost to Harry LaSane, 6. Jesse Underwood was too fast for Pat Iacobucci in 10. Jesse also bested Ronnie Harper, 10. George Araujo flattened Roger Paul, 1. Paul Thibeault whipped Hubert Gagnier, 10.

Jock Bonas shaded Stan Gossip, 8. Charlie Titone nodded Jose Garcia, 6, and Wally Dokton, 6. Joey Clemo had too much class for Rolando Delgado, 6.

Mel Hammond decisioned Baby Tampico, 6. Art Irlando bested Dave Wilbourne, 4. Jackie Cunningham chilled George Decker, 5. Sammy Sanchez drew with Vito Celentano, 4. Ray Edwards defeated Colon Garcia, 6, and Tomas Beato, 8. Beato lost to George Dunn, 10.

Tito Valles was a winner over Jimmy Callura, 6. Luther Burgess bested Mel Hammond, 10. Rocky Fusco stopped McKinley Michaux, 1. Henry LaSane bested Ted Davis, 10.

Johnny Wolgast drew with Billy Proctor, 6. Billy Lima whipped Augie Yarrett, 10. Davey Allen whipped Tony Longo, 8. Wally Doktor decisioned George Decker, 8.

Jackie Cunningham battered Gene Salaco, 6. Tom Collins outdanced Lorenzo Safaro, 4, and kayoed Spider Armstrong, 2. Carroll Alexander defeated Davey Allen, 8. Henry Schillizzi beat George Wright, 6. Lloyd Hudson won over Isaac Thomas, 10. Bobby Miller defeated Billy Robb, 4.

Eddie Compo was held to an eight-round draw by Eduardo Carrasco. Sal Ferello stopped Bobby Root, 5. Timothy Hayes outscored Tommy Greb, 10.

George Wright halted Joey Kay, 6. Dino Bleta decisioned Alberto Rivera, 8.

Marcel LaChapelle chilled Jimmy Hegeman, 1. Frankie Jayne whipped Oliver Desmerais, 10.

Henry Schillizzi nodded Willie Carrion, 6.

Carroll Alexander outscored Lorenzo Safora, 6. Joey Clemo flattened Rolando Delgado, 5. Jimmy Gooding bested Joey Ortega, 6.

George Dunn decisioned Teddy Davis, 10. Sammy Sanchez beat Domingo Rivera, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Manuel Ortiz chilled Buddy Jacklich in 8 rounds. Ortiz weighed 129 and Jacklich, 131½. Cecil Schoonmaker kayoed Gon Ladrazo, 5.

Former world flyweight champion Jackie Pater-

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Curt Kennedy, Wichita, Kan.
Light-heavyweight—Gene Darconte, New York, N. Y.
Middleweight—Toby Reid, Jacksonville, Fla.
Welterweight—Jeff Tite, Great Britain.
Lightweight—Frankie Fay, New Bedford, Mass.
Featherweight—Marvin Smith, Wichita, Kan.
Bantamweight—Tommy Proffitt, Great Britain.
Flyweight—Little Brown, Philippines.

son knocked out Danny O'Sullivan, 7. Spanish champion Luis Romero stopped Theo Medina, 6. Teddy Gardner outboxed Gaston van den Bos, 8. Sammy Reynolds kayoed Ronnie Burr, 3.

Luis Fernandez whipped flyweight Emile Famechon, 10. Georges Mousse shaded Gaetan Annaloro, 10, and whipped Arturo Paoletti, 8. Billy Hazelgrove decisioned Pinchie Thompson, 8.

Tommy Profitt kayoed Willie Rigby, 5. Baby Chocolate stopped Young Baldin, 6. Kid Nacionalista whipped Johnny Jumawas, 8. Jimmy Watkins defeated Manuel Batista, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

European champion Maurice Sandeyron was edged out by Dickie O'Sullivan, 8 (non-title), but came back to whip O'Sullivan in a 15-round championship match. Luis Fuentes won over Black Pico, 10. Al Chavez knocked out Baby Jackson, 3.

French champion Louis Sckena stopped Norman Tennant, 8. Tim Ramos knocked out Little Dundee, 7, and Dundee chilled Tannery Boy, 4. Ramos added Puyas Boy to his kayo record in 3 rounds.

Jimmy Gill edged out Jackie McCall, 8. Emile Famechon lost to bantamweight Luis Fernandez, 10. Charley Squire outpointed Welsh champion George Sutton, 8.

Don Hoole shaded Jackie Hodder, 6. Jimmy Hogg decisioned bantamweight Charley Ward, 12. Les Johnson outfought Alf Hughes, 8.

Jackie Briers stopped Jimmy Warnock, 4. Tomas Vega stopped Armando Miro, 4. Ike Weir outpointed Eddie Fitzsimmons, 8. Johnny Black stopped Benny Rutter, 2.

Joe Murphy flattened Albert Sanderson, 1. Jimmy Jennings outfought Bert Brown, 6, and stopped him in return, 4. Peter Keenan outpointed Dennis Sale, 6.

Vic Herman repeated a previous performance by flattening Skeets Gallagher, 1, but was outpointed by Ritchie McCullough, 6.

Little Brown defeated Roy Junior, 6. Julio Juarez defeated Ramon Gaytan, 10. Hector Marquez whipped Buddy Baggett, 15, for the Texas title.

The Little Champ

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ment was the Louis-Blackburn combination of slugger and strategist."

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OF COURSE Attell fought in the years before James J. Walker created a commission to govern boxing in New York. The Walker Law is a good law, and has been copied by states throughout America. It is in the administration of the Walker and similar laws, that the fault lies insofar as Abe states the case.

Attell's ring career started in 1900 and continued for 16 years. He was born in San Francisco on Washington's Birthday, 1884, and oddly enough he lost the featherweight title to Johnny Kilbane in Vernon, Calif., on Washington's Birthday, 1912. The year Attell started boxing James J. Jeffries, then the heavyweight champion, knocked out James J. Corbett, the former champion, in 23 rounds. The Little Champ has seen them all, from Corbett to Joe Louis, and he has also fought a lot of them including George Dixon, from whom he won the title in 1901. He lost only seven and was never knocked out.

Naturally Abe has his favorites. When we asked him to name the greatest fighters he has seen, he was quick to put James J. Jeffries at the head of the heavyweight division.

"Jeffries was the greatest. He could punch, was hard to hit and he could take it," Attell explained. "Throw out his fight with Jack Johnson. Jeff was through then and shouldn't have been in the ring with anybody that day in Reno.

"The best light-heavyweight was Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. He was a marvelous boxer and outpointed Bob Fitzsimmons among others.

"There was only one middleweight and his name was Ketchel—Stanley Ketchel. He knocked Jack Johnson down. Imagine Marcel Cerdan fighting Joe Louis! That's the equivalent of Stanley fighting Jack.

"Tommy Ryan from Syracuse is my top welterweight. He taught Jeffries his crouch, and he also taught Kid McCoy how to box.

"The greatest fighter of all time was Joe Gans. I never fought him. Do you know why? My mother had 19 children and none of them was foolish. Gans was bigger than I. He could hit harder and he was just as clever. What was I going to gain boxing the Old Master?

"In the featherweight class I'll give the nod to Terry McGovern, although he'd never fight me.

"George Dixon was a marvelous fighter. I've never seen a bantamweight I thought could have licked him.

"I'll let you pick the flyweight," Attell declared. "In my time what are called flyweights today would have been bantamweights."

"And remember in the old days the champions went the Derby route—20 rounds or it didn't count," Abe concluded. "That's why they were great fighters."

Above the bar hung a picture of two blood-spattered pugilists—Attell and Harlem Tommy Murphy fighting their famous 20 round draw. If the brutal battle left any ill effects they are not apparent, for Abe Attell, age 64, is an active and alert little man, who has an answer for everything, or at least thinks he has. The "Little Champ" and his pigeons are part of the Broadway scene.

AROUND THE OREGON RINGS

By WOODY WILLIS

SALEM ARMORY—Joe Clemo, 128, Portland, punched his way to an easy decision over Joey Ortega, 130, also of Portland in a hard fought ten rounder. Ortega, recognized as the Oregon lightweight champion, was outclassed in nearly every round and finished in a bleeding and groggy condition. In preliminaries, Jimmy Gooding, 127, Portland, decisioned Monty Montgomery, 126, Klamath Falls; Al Cliff, 144, Portland, decisioned Don Roberts, 143, Hood River, in four; Bob Calloway, 130, Portland, knocked out Jim Curry, 127, Sandy, in four; and Dick Collie, 158, Oregon State Deaf School, Salem, kayoed Chris Holmes, 155, Salem, in the second round.

Oregon heavyweight champion Joe Kahut moved into the Hollywood Legion Stadium of Hollywood, California, to stop Jerry McSwain of Los Angeles in round seven of a scheduled ten-rounder. 4500 fans viewed the contest as Referee Reg Gilmore halted proceedings with McSwain in obvious distress.

Portland light-heavyweight Dick Wagner knocked out Johnny Williams of New York in the second round of a scheduled eight-round feature bout at the Trenton Arena in Trenton, New Jersey.

Portland Civic Auditorium—Joltin' Joe Kahut of Woodburn, Oregon, took a fifteen-round split decision over Joey Maxim of Cleveland, Ohio, in one of the biggest upsets in the history of Portland boxing. And so it will go in the record books. But the 4068 fans who witnessed the so-called upset know better. The fact is Kahut received the boxing lesson of his life, was outclassed from beginning to end and could hardly be credited with more than four rounds of the entire fifteen. For if ever a pugilist was handed a present it was Joe Kahut.

The contest was a replica of their earlier ten-rounder as the nation's number five heavyweight title contender kept pumping a fast jolting left into the Woodburn Walloper's face and avoided most of the latter's wild ineffective swings. Referee Ralph Gruman cast his ballot for Maxim while judges Al Lix and Packy McFarland scored it for the home town favorite. Both the *Oregonian* and the *Journal* gave it to Kahut, the *Journal* giving Kahut one round and calling three even. The Associated Press gave Kahut five, Maxim nine, and called one even. The United Press gave Kahut two, Maxim ten, and called three even. The International News Service gave Kahut three, Maxim eight, and four even.

In a ten-round semi-windup, Pacific Coast heavyweight champion Bill Peterson of Portland, ran into some unexpected trouble in the form of Roscoe Toles, stable-mate of Maxim, and was bleeding badly from the left eye when the Negro's hand was raised in token of victory at the conclusion of the fray. In another ten-rounder on the star-studded card, Oregon middleweight champion Jack (Ginger) Snapp, Klamath Falls, blasted Billy Arnold, one-time famous middleweight from Washington, D. C., into dreamland in thirty-eight seconds of the seventh round. Joey Clemo, Portland featherweight favorite, decisioned Rolando Delgado, of Havana, Cuba, in six fast rounds. Delgado's impressive ring style and courtly manners made quite a hit with local fans. In the curtain raiser Bob Sherard, Seattle heavyweight, knocked out Gordon McKay, Klamath Falls, in three rounds. Gross receipts reached $20,275 with seat prices ranging from $2.50 to $8.00.

Salem Armory—It took Henry Lee, powerful punching Seattle Negro, exactly 50 seconds to dispose of Portland's Bobby Volk in the first heat of a scheduled ten-round middleweight mix. Volk required medical attention in the dressing room following the bout. Jimmy Gooding, 127, Portland, decisioned Jerry Strutz, 126, Portland, in a six-round semi-windup. In four-round preliminaries, Rod McDowell, 142, Salem, decisioned Don Roberts, 140, Hood River; Johnny Hoffert, 130, Salem decisioned Bob Calloway, 128, Portland, and Dick Polley, 158, Salem, kayoed Jerry McCann 155, Hermiston, in one.

October saw the birth of the new "Brooklyn Athletic Club," a first rate professional boxing gymnasium located on the second floor of the New Haven Hotel on Third Avenue between Salmon and Taylor Streets. The gym is the former residence of the Pal Gymnasium, now moved to 317 North Russel.

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SOUTH TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By RICHARD McCLENDON

WITH the opening of the winter season, boxing is again taking its high place among Texas sports. Galveston, Houston and Corpus Christi are running regular shows and giving the fans good fistic entertainment.

Promoter Phil Flake of Galveston opened the winter season with an action-packed fifteen-round championship fight between Tony Mar, Mexico's lightweight king, and Chief Gordon House, Houston, Texas, puncher. Gordon House came away with the decision and the championship after a great fight. The Indian slugger jumped out with an early lead and scored with many clean punches during the first few rounds before Mar started opening up with the heavy guns. After the fourth round it was nip and tuck as both boys were trying for a kayo. House weighed 134 and Mar tipped the beam at 134¾.

Dolph Quijano, Texas heavyweight and former light-heavyweight champion, was stripped of his light-heavyweight title in his contest with Eddie Lamar of Oklahoma City. The fight was presented in the Houston City Auditorium by Promoter Jimmy Guest and was one crammed with action from start to finish with Lamar on the floor five times in the 15th and final round. The actual decision was a draw, but the Commission ruled there could be no draw in a championship battle and the decision was awarded to Lamar because the Referee voted in his favor. The fight was an excellent scrap and pleased the fans greatly. Promoter Guest is after the signing of a re-match at this writing.

Promoter Billy Deeg of Corpus Christi has been giving the fight fans bi-weekly shows throughout the summer, showing Tony Elizondo, Joe Amaya, Chango Patino, Tommy Rameriz and Henry Majcher in the star bouts. Tony Elizondo, who tops most of the programs at Corpus, has just about fought his way out of competition. Elizondo knocked out Tony Garcia, Jimmy Finn, Jack Graham, Henry Brown and decisioned Ranchero Alonzo during the summer season.

Jimmy Curl, State Middleweight Champion, is back in San Antonio ready for action after another invasion of the Miami rings. Curl fought five times at Miami, scoring five kayos for a total of twelve rounds of boxing. Bobby Dykes, welterweight in the stable with Curl has come into the star bout class and is bowling over all opposition. Dykes knocked out Tony Falco in Miami and licked Leon Thompson at New Orleans. Curl and Dykes were developed by Jimmy Parks, youthful manager from San Antonio.

Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Texas, lightweight contender, has made an amazing comeback after his kayo by Tony Mar. Bertolino beat Andreas Balderas at San Antonio, snapping a 42-bout winning streak and then beat Mario Trigo, one of the top lightweights of California. Bertolino also trounced ChuCho Ruiz, highly-touted Mexico City battler. Bertolino's latest achievement was a six-round kayo over Anthony Arnone at New Orleans, in a bout billed for the Southern lightweight championship. This colorful young lightweight packs them in everywhere he performs and is a fighter to be reckoned with when choosing the number one scrapper of Texas.

FROM BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

By ALFREDO PORZIO

IN the main event "K.O." Lausse, 140, lost a twelve-round encounter to the veteran boxer M. Diaz, 148. Lausse had to draw on all of his ring experience to avoid a knockout.

In the semi-final eight-round mill R. Farias, 142, drew with R. Fabiche, 141, in a bout that the writer believes should have been awarded to Farias by virtue of his better boxing.

In the other bouts: P. Soriano, 135, defeated F. Guzman, 134, in six; R. Bazan, 139, a good boxer, was held to a draw by L. Corradino, 137, in six.

An unexciting card was presented in which A. Rizzo, 138, drew with G. Gimenez, 139, in the top spot of twelve rounds.

In another twelve round affair J. Perez, 133½, won over M. Gonzales, 132, in a very poor fight with little action.

In the preliminaries J. Genovese, 135, beat D. Flores, 132, in six fast rounds and in the best bout of the evening. R. Bazan, 129, overwhelmed H. Soria, 141, to take the duke in six.

The interest with which the boxing fans were awaiting the return match between the two best lightweights in this country was evidenced by the capacity crowd that filled the stadium. All the tickets were sold days in advance of the date set for the fight.

The President of the Argentine Republic, General Juan D. Peron and his party were present to add to the large number of celebrities who attended the bouts.

The supremacy of the lightweight division was settled when J. Gatica, 137, the spectacular and aggressive battler, defeated A. Prada, 137½, the Argentine lightweight champion, in twelve rounds.

The fight was fairly even with the knockdown suffered by Prada in the seventh round being the slight margin that won the fight for Gatica.

In an eight-rounder P. Soriano, 135, decisioned N. Savo, 134, in an action packed fight that saw Soriano on the verge of kayoing his opponent on several occasions. However, the plucky Savo managed to weather the storm but he could not cope with the fast punching Soriano.

Another eight-rounder saw R. Farias, 141½, win the duke over R. Bazan, 139, who could not match the boxing ability of his opponent.

In the sixes: J. Genovese, 133, won over A. Loez, 137½, when Loez retired in the fifth round. A. Vallejos, 148, drew with G. Molina, 149.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By JOHN L. HABIB

IT was an action-packed card with everything, including an upset, when St. Louis, meeting the clever E. Greaves, studied his opponent for the first two-rounds and from then on scored convincingly and effectively with rights and lefts to the body and head to register a convincing points victory in six.

There were two knockouts. "One Punch" Holder, after being dropped in the first round, came back to knock Lloyd Thomas cold in the fourth, and James Harper in a slug-fest dropped J. Babb for good in the final of their six-round bout.

The main bout found both Kid Blyce and Ralph Garcia scoring freely. Garcia from outside and Blyce by in-fighting. The boys raillied for four rounds with Blyce having a big margin over his clever opponent.

Blyce went down twice in the early rounds but came back, weathered the storm, and then turned upon his opponent with such savagery that Garcia was all but knocked out, reeling groggily about the ring, absorbing punishment until he was ruled out for fouling in the fifth.

The exact opposite was the case in the semi-final. Baby Face Daniel of Port of Spain was miles ahead of Ray Frederick on points. Frederick was hardly in the battle, so convincingly was Daniel whipping him.

In the sixth and final round Frederick more or less concerned with lasting the limit was rushing his man in an effort to avoid Daniel's terrific jabs and right crosses when the Port of Spain idol suddenly turned and gave Frederick a blow behind the head and was immediately disqualified.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

IN HIS final appearance as an amateur, Jay Lambert, 185, West Jordan, Utah, decisioned Junior Payne, 229, Oakland, Calif., October 25 in the Fairgrounds Coliseum at Salt Lake.

The deadening left hook that won Lambert a trip to the Olympic games last summer as the best amateur heavyweight in the United States failed to show very prominently in the contest. In fact Payne, despite his size, was exceptionally agile and carried the fight well. It was a rally that won Lambert the judges' decision.

The only knockout on the 13-bout card went to Lyle Taylor, Preston, Idaho, who floored Ernie Greer, Oakland, Calif., for the count in the second round.

Four thousand fans witnessed the benefit card.

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

PROFESSIONAL boxing hit an all-time low in Aruba during the past two months due to poor cards and high prices with the result that one promoter went under and quit. Trying to regain the fans' interest, newly licensed promoters Bislick and Croes introduced combination wrestling-boxing shows which were even more disastrous.

The shot in the arm which the fans have been waiting for came about when an all-star benefit performance was put on for the late Kid Dinamita's family.

In the most talked about bout of the year, Kid Oche, 143, of Santo Domingo, won as he pleased over Young Joe Louis, 139, of British Guiana, who was lucky to get a draw in the first round of a 10-rounder, while losing the other nine rounds to Oche.

The 10-round semi-final bout brought together the best fight of the evening and possibly the best ever seen in Swingsters Square Garden in Bull Gilkes, 159, of Trinidad vs. Baby Williams, 154, of Venezuela. Both of these boys came out from their corners in the first round throwing leather at each other for three and a half rounds with never a let-up until an accidental low blow floored Gilkes. As Gilkes could not continue, the bout was awarded to Williams.

In an eight-rounder, Young Nedd, 154, of British Guiana, and Slipping Tiger, 154, of Curacao, met in a return bout and once again wound up in a draw.

In another action-packed bout, Kid Peligroso, 138½, of Aruba, showed too much endurance and experience in trimming Sugar Boy Nando, 143, of Aruba, by winning the last round and the decision in another eight-rounder.

The upset of the year occurred in the opening four-rounder when the Louisiana Kid, 110, of Santo Domingo, decisioned and nearly kayoed heavily favored Kid Telefonito, 109, of Bonaire.

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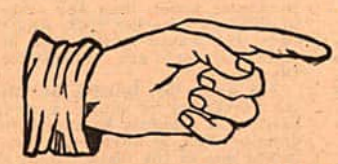

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

ARRIVING home from a month's vacation in the Northwest, I find the boxing situation much improved in the southern part of the state, but still at a low ebb in the northern section. The Los Angeles Olympic is again drawing large crowds, and with the controversy between Hollywood Stadium and the boxing managers settled, both the gates and fights have improved at the Movie City arena.

Much of the credit for increased gate receipts at some of the California clubs is due to the return of Bernard and Maxie Docusen. These two colorful Filipino boxers are not only attractions in Los Angeles, but also have great box-office appeal in Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton and San Jose. Their appearances in the northern area, along with the Apostoli-Graziano and Valentino-Thompson matches, will stimulate the game in the Bay District.

The San Diego Coliseum, which has been closed for some weeks, is to re-open shortly, and the club at Fresno, which has been dark for months, has resumed operations. Ocean Park, the most reliable of the smaller clubs, is still enjoying "business as usual." Promoter Mike Hirsch would ask "What slump?".

If Enrique Bolanos had been the champ, the workmanlike manner in which he stopped Johnny Williams at the Los Angeles Olympic, would indicate why he wore the crown. The Mexican boxer truly performed like a champion in subduing the New York Negro in 7 rounds. Bolanos' piston-like jabs, his Fred Astaire footwork, his hard and accurate punching was too much for Williams to cope with.

The Negro gamester made it an exciting go by continually tearing into his clever tormentor, but Bolanos either pulled away or moved inside Williams' wild swings. One could easily understand the great ovations accorded Bolanos by his thousands of supporters, whenever Enrique cleverly evaded Williams' rushes, for, had Bolanos been attired in the accustomed raiment and manipulating a red flag, he would have been the perfect matador.

Bolanos repeatedly whipped in punishing left hooks to both head and body, while Williams scored only occasionally with overhand rights. It was solid lefts to the midsection that knocked the stuffing out of the New Yorker, but Johnny showed no signs of wilting in the first four heats. It was in the 5th that Williams first weakened from the body punishment and another blistering attack by Bolanos in the 6th, had the Negro gamester all but exhausted.

Although cool and methodical in his approach, Bolanos was the "killer" in the 7th. A barrage of blows sent Williams into the ropes, then to the canvas for count of 9. Johnny arose, groggy, rubber-legged and bleeding from eyes and mouth. Enrique whipped a left into the stomach, causing Williams to again sink to the floor and Referee Bill Kershner declared it over. Bolanos weighed 135, Williams 137.

A capacity crowd (10,400) witnessed the bout, and at least 2000 more were turned away. The gate, $26,000.

In the semi-windup to the Bolanos-Williams bout, Al Arenas, 130, Joey Barnum's up-and-coming youngster, stopped Joe Robleto, 128, Pasadena veteran, in the second round. Referee Joe Stone halted the one-sided go when Robleto had been floored the second time.

In the four-rounders: Nap Howard, 160, iced Billy King, 156, in the second heat; Manuel Madrid, 135, beat Butch Maxwell, 132; Baby Ike, 148, decisioned Tito Garcia, 154; Dick Findley, 169, nodded Wally Bailey, 171.

The iron-fisted Irishman, Bob Murphy of San Diego, chalked up his most important win to date in stopping Kenny Watkins, veteran Negro boxer of Los Angeles, in the 9th round at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a rough setto, with much gore being spilt, mostly Murphy's. The Mad Mick received an eye cut in the 3rd that bled profusely throughout the fight, but he was slightly ahead at the time the bout was stopped and awarded to him.

Murphy waged a relentless two-fisted attack in the 9th that had Watkins out on his feet, and Referee Reg Gilmore intervened to save the Negro boxer from more serious punishment. Murphy scaled 163, Watkins 160.

In supporting bouts; Clarence Henry, 185, decisioned John Curtis, 189, in the four-round semi; Chevaro Chavez, 124, TKO'ed Perk Glenn, 136, in the second; Carl Arakaki, 133, chilled Santos Salas, 132, in the third; Ruben Smith, 119, stopped Russ McCarty, 120, in two; Ruben Torres, 129, bested Sammy Zelman, 130, in four.

In all my travels I have never before seen a public gymnasium as clean, as nicely laid out, or as well conducted as the Star Light gym in Tacoma. Too much credit cannot be given to Homer Amundsen for the operation of this gym. Such a large, clean, well equipped place open to those youths who would learn self-defence, is fighting juvenile delinquency in a realistic way.

Amundsen is developing some promising youngsters and is giving local boxing fans some fine entertainment with his amateur programs. He really rates the thanks of not only the boxing fans of his city and the promoters of the Northwest, but, of the city fathers of Tacoma, as well.

Matchmaker Baron Stumme of Hollywood Stadium, staged a program of four 10-rounders for the Olympic Jewish Temple, to raise funds for the Jewish school sponsored by the Temple. The program was billed as a "Night of Main Events," and with one exception, all the contestants were featured fighters.

The highlight of the card was the knockout scored by J. T. Ross of San Jose, over Johnny Duke, Seattle Negro. It had been a hard punching melee, with Duke having much the best of it. Both scrappers had slowed down by the end of the 6th, due to the fast pace in early rounds. Ross was bleeding from cuts on the nose and over the left eye, which was causing Referee Mushy Callahan much concern.

Realizing that the arbiter might halt the bout and declare him loser, Ross went out in the 7th to "do or die",—and he dood. A smashing right to the chin buckled Duke's knees and caused his eyes to go glassy. Johnny tried to clinch, but Ross pounded him to the floor. Duke arose at 9, but was weak and groggy, and J. T. cut loose with both fists to again put Duke on the carpet, this time for the full count. Each weighed 159½.

Two of the other three scheduled 10-rounders also ended in knockouts. Alfredo Escobar, 133, stopped Nick Diaz, 134, in the 8th. Neither of these Mexican boys were up to par. Diaz made flurries in the early rounds, but gave ground whenever Escobar accepted the challenges. Alfredo couldn't seem to get his usual dander up. He had Diaz hurt numerous times, only to step back obligingly, instead of following through.

Diaz's defense was so bad in the late rounds that Escobar hit him at will and had Nick's features so bloody by the 8th round, that Referee Abe Roth halted the one-sided affair.

Harry (Kid) Matthews, 160, Seattle, had too many guns for Pedro Jiminez, 161, Santa Rosa, and was declared a KO winner over the Mexican gamester in the 9th heat. Although Matthews won most every round with left jabs and hooks, and dropped Jiminez 3 times for good measure, Pedro kept the scrap an exciting one by continually carrying the fight to Matthews.

Jiminez came off the floor from each knockdown full of fight, and in some of these exchanges, Pedro more than held his own. However, when Harry decked Jiminez for the third time of the evening, Referee Jack Dempsey decided that was enough. The former heavyweight champion did a fine job as third man.

The contest between Charley Salas, 145, Phoenix, Ariz., and Richard Jones, 145, Los Angeles, was the contest to go the distance. It was a lively encounter in which Salas proved much too cagey for the less-experienced Negro boxer. Jones, a heavy puncher, connected with a few hard licks to shake Salas up and he copped a couple of late rounds, when the Arizonian seemed to tire, but Charley was far out in front at the finish and received the unanimous decision.

Shamus McCrea, 150, Cleveland Negro, upset the dope in winning a split decision over Milo Savage, 153, hard-hitting Negro fighter of Seattle, in a hotly contested 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Milo staged a Savage offensive to win the closing rounds, but it was not enough to offset McCrea's early lead.

Other results: Rafael Gutierrez, 141, whipped Al Smith, 145, in four round semi; Manuel Hernandez, 120, bested Tommy Yamoako, 121, in a four; Dick Finley, 169, TKO'ed Enoch Lee, 170, in the fourth; Roosevelt Bonner, 129, stopped Billy Mayo, 130, in the third; Chuck Edwards, 128, decisioned Bee Jiminez, 127, in four.

The speedy, hard-fisted Maxie Docusen was declared a KO winner over Mario Trigo in the 7th round at the Los Angeles Olympic. Although Trigo was credited with but one round, the first, he was in there making it exciting for both Docusen and the large crowd, up to the very minute that Referee Joe Stone raised Maxie's mitten.

A damaging right uppercut landed by Docusen in the second heat almost ended hostilities. This blow to Trigo's nose had the Mexican boy groggy at the bell. Mario's beak bled badly in every round thereafter, but the handicap did not check his fighting spirit. Docusen, the more cool and calculating, picked his shots and landed the harder blows.

Trigo began to weaken in the 5th, and Maxie turned on the heat in the 6th, rocking Trigo repeatedly with hard right-crosses and uppercuts. Mario was still fighting back in the 7th, but he had receipted for so much punishment and was bleeding so freely from the nose, that the referee decided that the physician should take a look. Dr. Mace declared that Trigo's nose was broken and ruled him out. Docusen weighed 134, Trigo 135.

In the semi, Tommy Lee James, 150, pulled a mild upset in winning handily over Rudy Davila; 150, in six fast rounds. James hurt Davila numerous times and had him bleeding badly at the finish.

In the prelims: Benny Black, 148, whipped Henry Roberts, 145, in four; Rudy Garcia, 127, KO'ed Chuck Edwards, 126, in the third; Vernon Jordan, 141, decisioned Frankie Ray, 143, in a four; Dave Martinez, 137, nodded Duke Cronister, 138, in the opener.

The outstanding promoter of the Pacific Northwest is Tex Salkeld of Portland. He is still the same hard-boiled, hard working Tex of years back. While I was in Portland, Salkeld was putting on an exceptional all-star card, yet, the publicity men, matchmaker's assistants, box-office clerks, etc., were conspicuous by their absence.

The afternoon I spent with Tex, he sent out publicity, took reservations, directed training schedules, sold tickets and booked some preliminary bouts. Portland has a promoter!

There may not be such a thing as a "lucky punch", as so many contend, but you couldn't convince Jerry McSwain that such is a fact. McSwain had won 5 of the 6 tame rounds he and Joe Kahut had indulged in and Jerry saw no reason for concern in the 7th, when—wham! An overhand right tossed by the crouching Oregonian landed on McSwain's nicely sculptored chin and Jerry was "out of this world."

McSwain stood stunned. Kahut moved in with a couple more punches to send Jerry reeling into the ropes, where Referee Reg Gilmore gave him an 8-count as he stood in the corner. The referee then stepped back and McSwain took a few unsteady steps toward his foe, but the Irishman was still dazed and one more blow from Kahut convinced Gilmore and most everyone else in the Hollywood Stadium that Jerry was in no condition to continue.

And those thirty seconds furnished the only excitement of the bout, which had been a dull affair booed by the crowd. The low-crouching Kahut and the straight-up McSwain found each other difficult to oppose. However, the handsome Irishman did do some jabbing to chalk up a lead, while the Woodburn, Ore., farmer did practically nothing up until the moment he heaved that looping right in the 7th. Kahut weighed 185, McSwain 188.

In the semi, Rudy Vasquez, Glendale, punshed out the unanimous decision over Joe Robleto, 128, Pasadena, in a six-round swapfest. Both were spilled for 8-counts in the third.

Other results; J. J. Cracknell, 148, defeated Flash Gordon, 152, 4; Manuel Madrid, 129, outpointed Jess Salazar, 134, 4; Duke Chronister, 136, won by TKO over Larry Duran, 136, 3; Roosevelt Bonner, 126, stopped Torito Ortega, 124.

After listening to numerous rounds of booing by the crowd and getting no results from his repeated warnings to the contestants, Referee Jimmy Wallace stopped the bout between Watson Jones, 177, and Sonny Andrews, 180, at the Ocean Park Arena, and declared it "no contest." Neither boxer appeared to be making a real effort to make a fight of it and the referee ran out of patience in the 8th round.

In remaining bouts: Al Arenas, 128, KO'ed Georgie Mendoza, 128, in the second round of the semi; Baby Ike, 148, stopped Cager Norris, 146, in two; Carl Arakaki, 134, nodded Santos Salas, 130, in a four; Rubin Torres, 128, defeated Sammy Zelman, 129, in four.

One of the men doing most to develop fistic talent in the Northwest is Len Gervais of Vancouver, B. C. Gervais is associated with the Junior G. Club, a Vancouver boys club, which is doing a fine job in combating juvenile delinquency, but Len devotes most of his time to the youngsters with ring ambitions.

Among Gervais' group of proteges are two of the finest prospects in that part of the country. They are Stan and Frank Almond, bantam and lightweight. Both were former Canadian A.A.U. champions. If properly built up, they will mean much to Vancouver's fistic prominence, as they are clean-cut youths and have a large following.

Another classy Vancouver boy is Len Walters, a flyweight. This kid is really clever.

Well, the Morrow-Fitzpatrick thriller has been topped. A clash between Carlos Chavez and Lauro Salas is now quite generally conceded to have been the slugfest of the year. It wasn't the knockdown, drag-out affair that the Morrow-Fitzy setto was, but it produced much more consistent action than any other contest staged in California during 1948. And this fight-of-the-year was waged where most of the California fistic thrillers are staged—the Los Angeles Olympic.

The writer not being a Bill Miller, nor having the vocabulary of either a movie studio press-agent or a sideshow barker—I cannot adequately describe this Donnybrook. But, conservatively, it was one of the fastest, most bitterly-contested swatfests I ever sat through. (And I didn't sit much either, being on my feet most of the time.)

There was leather in the air every second. First one would pump in both fists until he had to take a breath, and at such instant, the other would take over the piston-like job. There were rounds, such as the 2nd and 8th, in which these little Mexican wildcat's stood toe-to-toe, firing with both fists every second of the round.

Not only fighting ability, but also physical condition, stamina, gameness, spirit and ambition were all put on the block in this one, and all these fistic requisites came through with flying colors. It is too bad that there had to be a winner in such a magnificent effort as this, but there was one, Chavez. But only by two points. Carlos' smarter maneuvers and stronger finish earned him this slight margin. Chavez weighed 130, Salas 126.

In supporting bouts; Nick Smith, 131, decisioned Lem Thomas, 134, in 6-round semi; Benny Black, 147, defeated Connie Smith, 146, in 4; Jean Mougin, 138, and Vernon Jordan, 140, drew in 4; Chivero Chavez, 133, TKO'ed Carl Arakaki, 133, in the second; Dave Martinez, 137, stopped Xavier Patton, 134, in three.

Clyde Coyhis, 150, Milwaukee Negro, decked Milo Savage, 152, Negro clouter of Seattle, with a sizzling left hook in the second round and seemed well on his way to victory, in their 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. But Savage came up from this 9-count knockdown to over come Coyhis' early lead and have the bout declared a draw.

Other results; Rodney Jones, 166, KO'ed Jesse Richards, 160, in the second round of the semi; Billy King, 156, decisioned Charley Adams, 150; Manuel Hernandez, 121, and Tommy Yamaoka, 119, drew; Windy Hawkins, 160, won over Shorty Padilla, 164; Butch Maxwell, 133, bested Mike Banda, 140. All were four-rounders.

The crowd at the Hollywood Stadium arose with a whoop when Manuel Ortiz flattened Buddy Jacklich in the 8th round. They had been hoping for just that, even though it seemed beyond the realm of reality. Ortiz had been receipting for a lacing and it appeared that he might be the one to take the count. Up until the sudden finish, the fans had not enjoyed the fracas, because of Ortiz's poor showing. It is not pleasant to see a former great champion make a disappointing effort. His timing was bad, he was slow on foot and had little defense. Ortiz was definitely the people's choice when Jacklich resorted to unethical tactics. Both were easy to hit, so both were shook up numerous times, but the San Francisco fighter led in five of the seven rounds fought.

Jacklich pounded Manuel badly in the 6th and 7th, although the champ almost floored the Slav late in the 6th. The crowd were quiet and long-faced as the gong rang for the 8th, then, a moment later, Ortiz landed a sharp left hook and followed through quickly with a hard right cross to the chin and Jacklich goes down. Buddy regained his feet but not until the referee had tolled off "ten." Ortiz weighed 129, Jacklich 131.

Frankie Daniels, 165, the former National amateur middleweight champion who represented the United States in the Olympic Games, made his professional debut on the Ortiz-Jacklich card a very impressive one. The Bakersfield Negro disposed of Earl Ward, 164, in the second round Daniels made Ward look foolish, floored him twice for 9-counts and had him on the verge of going down numerous times.

The semi-windup between Billy McClure, 197, Minneapolis, and Harry Wills, 197, South Bend, was halted in the first minute and declared a draw when McClure received a cut eye due to a butt.

In remaining prelims, Rudy Garcia, 126, and Ruben Torres, 128, fought four fast rounds to a draw; Al Smith, 144, KO'ed and outclassed Young Coronel, 143, of Texas, in the second heat; Ray Ramon, 135, stopped Baby Valdez, 140, in the third.

A visit to Willie Orner's Main St. Gym, Los Angeles' only downtown public gymnasium, would give the impression that there is an oversupply of fistic talent. Boxers are stepping on each other's feet; most of the time there are a dozen fighters standing-by for one of the two rings, and as many as three or four waiting for each of the six heavy bags.

But to witness the weekly cards, one would get the idea that there is a scarcity of boxers, as Matchmakers and some of the Managers contend. The same faces at the Olympic, the same faces at Hollywood, the same faces at Ocean Park. While on the other hand, some managers complain that they cannot get any work for their boxers.

"How come?", we ask innocently, just as though we didn't know!

Every fighter is entitled to a soft one occasionally and I presume that it was Paulino Montes' turn when he was fed Luis Torres of Mexico, at the Hollywood Stadium. I don't recall reading it in the advance publicity, but Torres had been beaten numerous times in his most recent starts in Mexico, once by this same Montes.

However, Montes is a slow starter, and Torres, with a body attack, made it interesting for a few rounds. Montes put on a determined offense in the 5th and the bout became one-sided. After dropping Torres for an 8-count in the 5th, Montes forced Luis around the ring in the 6th, crossed a right to Torres, jaw and Luis goes out for the night. Each weighed 137.

In the six-round semi, Spencer Coleman, 155, whipped Mike Augustain, 156. Coleman decked the rugged Augustain for for 8 in the first heat, and was credited with four of the six rounds.

In other bouts; Rafael Gutierrez, 143, bested Frankie Ray, 145, in a four; Jackie Blair, 126, TKO'ed Ricardo Minjares, 128, in the fourth; J. J. Cracknell, 150, outpointed Lawrence Brown, 148; Tito Garcia, 151, and Dennis Moore, 151, fought a draw in the opener.

Enroute home from Canada, I stopped off at Roseburg, Ore., to visit my protege, Red Green, former Los Angeles boxer. Although now a family man and in business, Red still has boxing in his blood and probably would be developing boxers, or promoting, if located in a larger city. There is no gymnasium in Roseburg, and although the bustling little city has boxing, it is on too small a scale to interest the Signal Kid.

However, Red does do the officiating of the fights and Roseburg fans consider him the best referee in Oregon. (I'd bet money on it.) What the local citizenry apparently do not know is that the well-liked redhead is probably the most capable trainer and coach in the state, and is second only to Tex Salkeld, as a matchmaker.

Having made a formidable fight against Paulino Montes a few months before, Torito Ramos of Tijuana, was expected to make it tough for Carlor Chavez for the full ten rounds, in a bout at Hollywood Stadium. But the Little Bull from below the Border looked like an ordinary prelim boy against the state featherweight champion. Of course, in some part, Ramos' mediocre showing could be due to Chavez's fine form on this night.

Carlos was really sharp. He copped all four rounds with fast, accurate left hooks to head and body, and rocked Ramos to sleep in the 5th with a left hook to the jaw. Before Ramos went down for the full count from that left, Chavez crossed a right that opened a cut over Torito's left eye. Carlos had also dropped Ramos for a no-count at the bell ending the first round. Chavez weighed 131, Ramos 132.

In the semi, Bert Mendoza, 165, climbs off the floor in the second heat to win four of the six rounds and the decision over Jesse Richards, 156,

In the four-rounders; Vernon Jordan, 142, decisioned Rocky Corkins, 143, Jean Mougin, 138, beat Frankie Ray, 144; Dave Martinez, 137, iced Mike Banda, 140, in two; Harold Velasquez, 146, and Lou Williams, 144, had their bout declared a draw, due to a cut in the first canto.

A couple of the down-state fisticuffers, Bernard Docusen, 147, and Irvin Steen, 145, were featured in a 10-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium. Docusen possessed too much class for the San Diego Negro, when Bernard stuck to the scientific stuff, but when the flashy Filipino elected to slug it out with Steen, the Fancy Dan of the welterweights received the worst of it.

Docusen boxed beautifully in 8 of the rounds, so, Docusen won 8 of the rounds; Docusen swapped punches in 2 of the rounds, so, Steen won 2 of the rounds. Bernard mad ethe faux pas in the 2nd and 8th heats.

In supporting bouts; Emil Barao, 137, and Ernie Pacheco, 138, slugged six rounds to a draw in the semi; Silent Ramponi, 142, won over Wherlie Peppers, 139, in a four; Gene Dilsworth, 158, KO'ed Regino Docusen, 156, in the second; (Yes, Regino is a brother of the Docusen's, but you would never know it by his milling.) Tommy Petty, 132, chilled Freddie Hayes, 126, in one.

Carlos Chavez will long be remembered as one of our most consistent crowd-pleasers. From the very beginning his bouts were always exciting and although he is now a veteran at the game, as well as a top-notcher, he still battles with the fire of an ambitious preliminary scrapper. His contests with Manuel Ortiz and Harold Dade were among the best of recent years, and now Carlos has just engaged in the most thrilling (California version) fight of the year.

Chavez' performances should set an example for all the up-and-coming Mexican youngsters. Added to his natural fighting ability, Carlos is a diligent trainer and the possessor of a fighting spirit. He fights as though he loves it—and that is what the fans like most in a boxer.

It was thought that Earl Turner would run his consecutive K.O. wins to five at the expense of Irvin Steen, in their 10-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium. But, Steen had some funny ideas about that and if the Earl of Richmond hadn't piled up a lead in the early rounds, he would not have been the winner, even by decision. Steen withstood Turner's potent punching better than Earl took the San Diego boys damaging blows. Irvin buckled Turner's knees in the 7th and spilled him for a no-count in the final round to make it close. Turner weighed 150, Steen 145.

In the semi, Johnny Gonsalves, 129, former National A.A.U. lightweight champion, chalked up his second pro win by outpointing Bobby Burges in six.

In three four-rounders; Frank Buford, 196, decisioned Chuck Staton, 188; Silent Ramponi, 144, beat Al Smith, 135; Frank Sequeria, 122, nodded Dave Reynosa, 123.

LEST I FORGET—What sort of a guy is this Babe McCoy, the Matchmaker of the Los Angeles Olympic? A rematch between Carlos Chavez and Lauro Salas would sell out the Olympic, yet, McCoy doesn't want it. "It is too tough a fight," says Babe, "Such scraps take too much out of a fighter." Compare that statement with those that the enemies-of-boxing authors and movie script writers put in the mouths of our fight men.

The two Docusens are the busiest fighters in the state. Bernard's latest was a KO over Al Robinson in two at Stockton; Maxie halted Pee Wee Swingler in five at Sacramento. . . . Rudy Cruz is now the papa of a baby girl. . . . Milford (Swede) Berglund, claimant to California middle and light-heavy titles in 1933 and 1937, died from a heart attack last month. He had been a member of the San Bernardino police force since he retired in 1938. . . . Roger Leighton appears to have struck gold in Lauro Salas, his Mexican featherweight importation. And no manager-boxer combination were ever more worthy of it. . . . Tommy Campbell belted out Arturo Barron in the second round at San Francisco. . . . Dick Fitzpatrick, a great welter about forty years ago, who was with the Chicago C.Y.O. for many years, is now associated with the Los Angeles C.Y.O. . . . Art Aragon put himself in the spotlight by holding Jess Flores to a draw at San Francisco. R. G. Barnett recently bought Aragon's contract from Lee Boren, who developed the clever Mexican boxer. . . . Joe Rhodes' good Negro heavy, Dale Hall, whipped Al Spaulding on Fresno's first card of the fall season. . . . Although he has had some reverses in past year, Harold Dade's two wins over Charley Riley rates the Negro speed-merchant right up there with the best. . . . What happened to the critics of Nat Fleischer, when THE RING Editor remained the lone one to contend that Joe Louis would absolutely fight again, after the champion had stated that he definitely would not fight again? . . . Frank Chavez, former Chicago C.Y.O. champion, whom Dick Fitzpatrick had come to the Coast, is to be booked by Eddie Stanton.

To you correspondents in foreign lands—Since I cannot use the postage you send, I will again attempt, when space permits, to answer inquiries in this column. Of course, they will be brief and you will be two months in receiving the information. Most of you who write are such thoroughbred boxing fans, that I cannot understand you being without a copy of THE RING Record Book, which gives most of the information you ask of me. However, we aim to please.

Charles Browne, Whitehaven, Cumberland—Thanks for your kind expressions. I am positive that your crowd are a group of fine fellows, and I will indeed contact you if ever I should visit England (which is possible). So, have the fish and chips a'cooking. Cheerio!

Rennie George, Booysens, Johannesburg, South Africa—I trust that you received my letter. Thanks for your confidence. Good Luck.

Hugo Turin, Caracas, Venezuela—Regret that I couldn't be of more help in your other request. However, trust that you will contact me again when desiring talent from the United States. Thanks again.

Bob Gardiner, Belfast, Northern Ireland—Regret that I cannot be of help in furnishing you with photos for your club. I suggest that you write the boxers personally.

Mark Rathbone, Durban, Natal, South Africa—Sorry, have no photos, but will fill your other request. Your compliments are appreciated.

The writer is now booking a number of California boxers for out-of-state engagements, as well as representing some Eastern boxers for engagements out here on the Coast. Any other managers wishing such representation, or any unattached boxers of promise (or with creditable records) contemplating a trip to California this winter, might do well to write Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

LATE FLASH FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

BONE ESPINOSA, 126, of the Philippines, won a close decision over Gus Rosa, 124, in the six-round windup bout of an all-star card held at the Civic Auditorium. The fight was close throughout with Rosa landing the harder punches but Espinosa proving the faster fighter and outpunching the local battler.

Three other six-round bouts and one four-rounder completed the card which drew 1,608 fans for a gross take of $2,756.25.

Jamie Basquez, 125¼, got the nod over George Sanchez, 122½, of Havana, in an unexciting six-rounder.

Mokey Hanagami, 115, floored Joe Jumao-as, 114, of the Philippines in the second round and piled up enough points in the other rounds to win going away. Six rounds.

In the best action bout of the evening, Ike Patton, 157¼, held Boy Brooks, 155¾, of the Philippines to a six-round draw.

Marino Tiwanak, 118, decisioned Billy Bolilan, 119, in the four-round opener.

Spokane Gets Credit

Jack Powers of the Spokane Boxing Club, in a message to THE RING, declares that contrary to an item that appeared in the last issue, Joey Velez, star lightweight from the Northwest, though born in Seattle, does all his fighting and was developed as a fighter in Spokane. Velez is a sensation in Spokane where he has built up a big following.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

KEITH HAMILTON'S decisive ten-round win over Johnny Larusso, New York Italian, marked his fourth main bout ten-round victory at the Coliseum Arena. Heard Ragas and Lew Raymond promoted the banner card in which Larusso was favored to defeat the fleet-footed 19-year-old Irishman. Hamilton improves with each start.

Hamilton was developed by "Whitey" Esnault, in the amateur game and Esnault manages Hamilton in the money ranks.

Keith won seven of the ten rounds.

Alfred Garcia, Houston, Texas, Mexican, knocked out "Buster" Price, Pascagoula, Miss., in the third round of an eight-rounder which proved a thriller to the fans. Garcia was down twice in the first two rounds for nine counts. In the third round Garcia floored "Buster" for nine counts twice. A left hook finished Price. Garcia weighed 149 pounds, Price 147 pounds.

Lenny Alvarez, stablemate of Hamilton's, hailing from New Orleans, knocked out Pete Miller, Houston, Tex., in the third round of a four-rounder. Jack Links, New Orleans featherweight, won a six-round decision over Joe Garcia, 127, Houston, Texas.

Abe Katz, local businessman returned to the promotional field after a 12 years' absence and will stage white and Negro fistic cards at the Coliseum Arena and in the open air next summer. The Louisiana Athletic Commission licensed Katz and his first venture was staged at the Coliseum Arena Nov. 1, featuring heavyweight champion Joe Louis in a four-round exhibition with Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky. Louis received a big hand from the 2710 fans who paid a net gate of $5004.55.

In the eight-round semi-final Joe Brown, New Orleans Negro lightweight, decisioned up-and-coming Arthur Persley, Shreveport, La. Brown's ring experience won for the local boy. Persley lacks experience, but will be heard from in the lightweight ranks.

Melvin Bartholomew, New Orleans, hung a five-round kayo on Leonard Ceasar, local welterweight. Charlie Young decisioned Robert Battiste in four. George LaBelle and Warren DeJean fought a four-round draw. Leroy King was awarded a four-round T.K.O. over Cliff Gibson.

Keith Hamilton, a marvelous boxer, hails as the best lightweight New Orleans has developed in many years, defeated Danny Stipanovich, Pittsburgh, Pa., lightweight, who nows makes San Antonio, Texas, his home, in the feature ten-round bout of promoter Heard Ragas and matchmaker Lew Raymond's fistic card at the Coliseum Arena on October 25.

Johnny Dabbs, Memphis, Tenn., welterweight, who books out of Beaumont, Texas, continued on his winning streak in local rings by punching out an eight-round decision over Tommy Ramirez, Texas Mexican 147-pounder. Harry Caminita, a fine prospect, stopped Gilbert Abrego, Texas lightweight, in four rounds. Lawton DiSoso decisioned Kid Monolo in six heats. Lenny Alvarez, local featherweight, won a four-round decision over Pete Salazar.

The Hamilton-Stipanovich show was a financial success, 1536 fans paying a net gate of $2363.07.

Chafora Martinez, Mexico City welterweight, who scaled down to 138½ pounds, was no match for Keith Hamilton in their ten-round main event staged by the Ragas-Raymond combine at the Coliseum Arena on October 18. Hamilton won decisively by a unanimous decision.

The Martinez win was Hamilton's second main bout victory. The New Orleans Irishman appears to be a fighter who will go places and grow into a welterweight.

Johnny Dabbs defeated Buster Price, Pascagoula, Miss., in a torrid eight-rounder. Dabbs fights best when hurt. Price dropped Johnny in the fifth and Dabbs got off the floor to have Price on the deck for nine.

Jack Links decisioned Monolo Kid in a six-rounder. Bernard Wortman decisioned Charles Espinosa in a four-rounder.

1287 fans paid a net gate of $2019.53.

Henry Hall, gangling New Orleans Negro heavyweight, scored a major fistic upset by defeating Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo., No. 5 light-heavyweight contender, in a ten-round decision bout staged by Promoter Al Young at the Coliseum Arena, October 15. Moore was a 5 to 1 favorite.

Two rounds were taken away from Moore for using foul tactics. Melvin Bartholomew decisioned Junius West in an eight-rounder. Tommy Hayes defeated Russell Johnson in one four. In two other fours, Cliff Gibson and Leroy King fought a draw and Charley Young stopped Jimmy Mitchell.

Hall is managed by Johnny Fisse.

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Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Texas, lightweight, scored a six-round T.K.O. over Anthony Arnone, New Orleans lightweight, in the feature contest staged by Promoter Heard Ragas and Matchmaker Lew Raymond at the Coliseum Arena, October 11. Arnone ran into bad luck in the opening round when he suffered a bad cut over the left eye in the first minute of the opening round of their ten spot.

Blood flowed freely from the cut handicapping Arnone who would have made a better showing. Arnone was down for a count of nine in the opening round.

Danny Stipanovich, Pittsburgh, Pa., lightweight and Clarence "Baby Face" Williams, New Orleans fought eight hard rounds to a draw. The majority of the fans thought that Danny was entitled to the verdict. Williams made a great fight considering that it was his first eight-rounder.

Lawton DiSoso decisioned Bobby Abrams in four. Lenny Alvarez stopped Bobby Lenz in two rounds.

2127 fans paid a net gate of $3261.14.

Promoter Louis Messina has temporarily retired as a promoter but will assist Abe Katz in signing up both white and Negro fighters for Katz. The fighters and managers will miss Messina as he was their pal. The writer has joined the Ragas-Raymond combine as publicity director.

Fistic pot shots . . . Jimmy Moran, who operates a famous restaurant in the Vieux Carre section and who at one time was the foremost referee here, plans on returning to the game in the role of referee. The death of Tony Foto, 30-year-old local former preliminary boy and later manager at Miami, Fla., was a shock to the local boxing colony. Foto was a colorful figure. . . . Joe (Sandy) Saddler's four-round kayo of Willie Pep was a big surprise to New Orleans fans. . . . Fighters seeking to duck the cold weather and box here this winter, and who are unattached, can contact this writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

WORD from South Dakota informs us that several amateur and professional boxing cards are in the offering for the winter months. At Mitchell, S. D., where the United Commercial Travelers have sponsored amateur boxing for years plans are being made for a big season. W. L. C. Ryberg, E. C. Peterson and E. O. Giese are in charge. Carthage, S. D., under the direction of Ray Mowry has obtained an amateur boxing sanction. At Watertown, S. D., the Veterans of Foreign Wars definitely decided to hold a sectional meet. E. H. Downs is chairman of the boxing committee. Plans for professional cards are in the making at Huron, Sioux Falls, Deadwood, and Rapid City. From information received it appears that South Dakota will have a busy boxing season.

It was with a feeling of deep regret that we read of the recent death of Joseph ("Joe") Foley, a former sports editor of the Chicago *Times* and the old Chicago *Journal*. Foley, 57, was a close student of boxing and had many friends around the country.

Around Iowa — Ray McNally, Des Moines featherweight, is going to Los Angeles where he will go under the direction of Eddie Stanton. Nelson Levering, Indian lad who did some boxing in the Sioux City Golden Gloves, and later went to Omaha where he fought under his ring name of James Bartlett to win a Mid-West Golden Gloves crown, has entered the professional ranks. Since entering the pay-side of the sport he has scored three wins.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Ed (Bearcat) Wright, Jr., young 16-year-old son of the old Bearcat, led his Council Bluffs ring mates to a 4-2 victory over the Omaha YMCA in an intercity meet. Wright, who scales in at 225 and still growing, pounded Will Harper, 188, all over the ring, and had Harper down four times. Gene Buzello, 143, and Russell Grothes, 152, were the only Omaha victors, both winning decisions. Kay La Flore, scrappy Council Bluffs comer, 130, won by a kayo in the third round over Gene Vesch. Irwin Ernst, 122, Council Bluffs, won over Sammy Marchese, 118, in the second round.

Earl Wenbourne, Wayne, Nebr., middleweight, who is under the management of Bob Morley, Sioux City manager, scored a kayo over Eddie Le Marr, 171, of Oklahoma City, in two rounds. Floyd Hayes, Omaha correspondent for THE RING, in a recent letter to us, had this to say about Wenbourne: "The Morley fighter was all business from the opening gong and floored LaMarr in the first minute of the fight. Wenbourne caught LaMarr with a terrific left hook followed by a short right when he got up and LaMarr hit the deck again, stretched out on his back. The referee began his count and the bell rang at five. LaMarr was still out when the bell rang for round two."

Question Box—Don Woly, Toledo, O.: Your request will be filled. D. C., Denver, Colo.: Try some of the managers around there. B. H. D., Deland, Fla.: The fighter was Andy Schmader, and he was under the management of Jack Lewis. Harvey Thorpe was fighting as a junior welterweight. At that time he was under the management of Jay Thomas. To F. L., Omaha, Neb.: Ray Alvis was also a manager. He was looking after Curley Smith and Cowboy Padgett. D. L. W., Sioux Falls, S. D.: Get the RING every month. The results are there.

Last Minute Sparks—Darby Kelly of Lincoln, Nebraska, reports he is seeking boxing talent for his boxing cards which will be offered every two weeks. Darby can be reached at 2026 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. . . . Amateur boxing promoters in western Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota must obtain sanctions from the Midwest association of the A. A. U. at least 15 days in advance of the show date according to E. Q. Hoberg of Sioux City, A. A. U. commissioner for this section. Lewis Crumes, 141, Ottumea, Ia., fought to a draw with Tony Gunia, 143, Milwaukee Wis., at Omaha recently. The Flandreau, S. D., Indian school competed in a gloves tourney at Morris, Minn. . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, St., Sioux City, Ia., and news for this spot must be in our hands by the fifth of each month.

NEWS FROM THE CENTURY A. C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KESSLER

WASHINGTON'S lightweight pride, Sonny Boy West, 132, pounded out a unanimous ten-round decision over Baltimore's leading featherweight, Jimmy McAllister, 132½, in the Century Club's main event. This match was the rubber between the two as each had won one apiece in their previous fights.

In showing his superiority, West gave McAllister a thorough beating through most of the ten rounds. Sonnyboy won the first five handily as McAllister was content to cover up and clinch. In the sixth both boys opened up with their big guns, but West took this round by landing the hardest punches. It was not until the eighth that McAllister opened up with a two-handed attack which forced West on the defensive and gave McAllister the remaining rounds.

In six-rounders: Willie Shields, 137½, pounded out a unanimous decision over Jackie Ford, 144, of Washington. Walter Rowan, 143, of Washington, won by a T.K.O. over Marvelle Gaddu, 153½.

In four-rounders: Gene Harley, 155, decisioned Billy Richardson, 157. Billy Coffield, 130, K.O.'ed Joe Lee, 134½, with a terrific right hand in 1:30 of the first.

In a slow, dull, fight between two heavyweights, Leo Matriciani, 221, of Baltimore, and Johnny Shkor, 216, of Baltimore and Boston, Matriciani gained a unanimous decision over his fellow townsman.

Matriciani, who has shown good form in the past by beating some capable heavies and fighting a four-round exhibition with heavyweight champion Joe Louis, tried to box Shkor as Johnny continually tried to rush and bull Matriciani around the ring. It wasn't until the late rounds that Matriciani was able to score some stiff punches and shake up Shkor a little.

In six rounders: Ray Klingmyer got back to his winning ways as he scored a K.O. win over Willie Shields. Both were fighting on even terms until Klingmyer landed a smashing right hand to end the fight in 1:40 of the second round.

Melvin Wade, 152, won a unanimous decision over Charley Madison, 159.

In the four-rounders: Ray Charles K.O.'ed Shannon Cashier. Billy Coffield decisioned Jimmy Brown. Robert Evens and Jimmy Zaicko Drew.

In one of the better fights put on by the Century A. C., Archie Moore, 172, scored a K.O. over a fellow Californian, Billy Smith, 178. Both boys started off cautiously as they were content to feel each other out. In the second and third Moore boxed beautifully to earn him the round. It was midway in the fourth round when Moore caught Smith with a smashing right as he (Smith) came off the ropes and was dropped for the full count.

Writer's note: Baltimore fight fans are beginning to feel the shortage of bouts and good fighters. In the past years the Century Club has been holding bouts every week except for certain holidays, but within the past six months, fighting talent has slackened so that the club has been able to put on shows once or twice a month, which shows almost every state and city is being hit hard by the lack of good fighters and new talent.

SEATTLE NEWS
By NORM BOBROW

SEATTLE—October and November marked a return to the middleweight tradition of the Northwest with the emergence of no less than three bright 160-pound prospects: Bernie Olson, Axel Boode and Eddie Cotton.

Olson, the 21-year-old cab driver from Everett, produced the greatest thrills and excitement, for in two fights he scored a couple of convincing knockouts. Remarkable thing was that he used his left hand for both payoff punches, and confirmed local suspicion that he hits with as much sock as Al Hostak, former world's champ from Seattle. Not since Hostak and Freddie Steele held the title has a hard-hitting fighter like Olson come along.

A middleweight elimination figures to be Promoter Scheer's first step with Olson, Boode and Cotton, the veteran Frankie Gimbel of Spokane, Jack Snapp, Portland's bright young hope who recently got the nod over Hostak, and Milo Savage, the boy developed by Bill Ross and now bowling them over in Los Angeles, as the contestants.

Buford Ransom, stabled with Cotton under Frisco McGale, returned to prominence with a convincing knockout over San Jose's "Irish" Dick Lee. Two weeks prior, Ransom was hard put to earn a shade over the elusive Billy Tierney, although the only people in the crowd who gave Ransom only a draw were the two judges.

RESIN DUST: Jack Laken, after a six-weeks' stay in Seattle, took his brilliant lightweight, Harold "Baby Face" Jones, back to the Midwest, Jones' original bailiwick, where high caliber boys in his division are currently more plentiful . . . A change of governors in the last election is expected to bring about a change in the boxing commission's setup, the effects of which won't be calculated until the first of the year . . . Sonny Grazette, fighting under the guidance of Freddie Bomar, grew last month from a feather to a lightweight, as did Vancouver, B. C.'s Frankie Almond. . . . The first turnaway crowd since before the war, greeted Promoter Scheer's first show at the Eagles Auditorium. Even the daily papers gave the event a big play, which was unusual. Bob Sherard, Mel Epstein's tall young heavyweight, looks promising—lots of natural ability and a tough jaw.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

WICHITA, Kansas' wealthy oil and wheat city, known as the world's air capitol during the war because of its outstanding production of B-29's and other aircraft, became the Midwest's greatest fistic center during the past month, outdrawing such cities as: Kansas City, Topeka, Denver, Des Moines and Omaha.

Sylvester Perkins, the No. 2 light-heavyweight challenger got off the floor in the second round to stop Pat McCafferty, seventh ranking contender with only 15 seconds to go in the tenth and final round before a capacity crowd which jammed the Forum to the rafters in one of the most exciting fights ever staged in Wichita.

Perkins, fighting out of Chicago under the management of Joe Mobley was defeated by McCafferty in a thriller at Topeka last June. This was the second meeting of two of the best up-and-coming youngsters in the light-heavyweight ranks, and attracted national interest. In beating McCafferty, Perkins snapped a 26 consecutive win streak and reversed a previous defeat at the hands of the Irish youth.

In a rousing semifinal, Kenny (Red) Barton, terrific hitting Ark City middleweight scored a technical knockout over Leonard Craig of Omaha, when the Nebraskan on about even terms sustained a badly cut eye in the fight, Referee Dutch Geiser stopping the contest.

Curt Kennedy, Wichita's heavyweight hope, got off the floor to win his eleventh straight pro fight by a six-round decision over tough, hard-hitting Frankie Jones of Des Moines, Ia. Alvin Williams, twice Chicago's Golden Gloves middleweight champion, from Oklahoma City, now making Wichita his home, decisioned classy Earl Stone, stablemate of Perkins' in a four-rounder. Nelson Levering, Wichita's lightweight sensation chalked up his fifth straight win, knocking out Red Lowery, of Omaha, Neb., in the first round.

Rugged Ray Spurlock, Kansas City southpaw, with a nine-pound weight advantage, punched out a unanimous 10-round decision over middleweight Dick Smith of Oklahoma City in a good, tough brawl at Wichita. Kenny (Red) Barton, terrific socking Ark City scrapper kayoed Sonny Harvey, Detroit middleweight in the second round of the scheduled six-round semifinal. Bill Sudduth, classy Topeka welterweight gave Chief Crazy Horse, Pasadena, Calif., a savage six-round pasting. Alvin Williams, Wichitan, who last year won the Chicago Golden Gloves middleweight title, kayoed Roy Augustine, New Orleans in the second round. Nelson Levering, Wichita's knockout artist stopped Raymond Rabordi, lightweight from Springfield, Ill., in the first round.

Pounding Pat McCafferty unleashed a murderous, two-fisted attack on Ray Spurlock to drop the Kansas City blond southpaw in 1.28 of the seventh round before 3,700 screaming spectators in Topeka's Municipal Auditorium. McCafferty floored Spurlock in the first round and again in the third. A terrific left to the jaw dropped Spurlock early in the seventh—he made it to his feet at nine and the fight was stopped by Referee Eddie Zongker when the Kansas Citian began helplessly walking in the wrong direction.

Bill Sudduth, 140, Topeka, rated the most improved boxer in this vicinity scored a hard fought six-round decision over Edmond Carr, 140, Kansas City. Nelson Levering, Wichita lightweight decisioned cagy Louie Crumes, Ottumwa, Ia., in four. Frankie Jones, Des Moines, Ia., heavyweight knocked out Willie Simon, Ottumwa, Ia., in three. "Little Joe" Romano, 123, Topeka stopped Sammy Smith, 125, Ottumwa, Ia., in one.

Gene Engel, THE RING's genial Chicago correspondent has a good prospect in Clinton Bacon, 173, who lost a ten-round decision to Pat McCafferty, 170, before 3,000 fans at Wichita's Forum. In the semifinal Ray Augustus, Topeka decisioned Eddie LaMarr, Oklahoma City in six rounds, the card's show-stealer. Heavier Edmond Carr, 142, Kansas City decisioned Ernie DeFrance, 133, Wichita in a wild six-round brawl. Frankie Jones, Des Moines, Ia., heavyweight was on the floor in the first but scored a technical kayo over Charlie Martin, Kansas City, when the Missourian sustained a badly cut eye in the fourth round.

HERE AND THERE: This writer nominates Curt Kennedy, undefeated in eleven professional starts as the "Prospect of the month." Before turning pro, Kennedy won the Junior National A. A. U. heavyweight title at Kansas City. Two Indian youths from this vicinity who show great possibilities are Alvin Williams, who twice won the Chicago *Tribune's* Golden Gloves middleweight title and Nelson Levering, also a two-time Golden Gloves champion, fighting out of Wichita in the lightweight class. Wilson "Judo" Harris, Chicago, one of the best trainers in the business has brought Sylvester Perkins a long way since he fought in this vicinity last June. Ede Virag, former champion wrestler is back in the Midwest after a wrestling campaign in Europe, in which he wrestled in Turkey, France and Hungary.

Pat McCafferty was presented a beautiful boxing trophy by the Gateway Sporting Goods Company at Wichita as the most outstanding professional athlete in this area during the past year. Eddie LaMarr, popular Oklahoma City light-heavyweight, who is managed by A. E. "Happy" Hammond, beat Dolph Quijano of El Paso at Houston in fifteen rounds to win the Texas light-heavyweight title.

The writer promotes alternate weekly shows at Wichita and Topeka. Managers seeking work for their fighters, and unattached boxers welcome. They may write or call Max Yeargain, either at the Allis Hotel, Wichita, or phone 3-6674, Topeka —or write 704 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

SHORT RIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE
By RALPH P. MODDER

PROFESSIONAL boxing which faded out one year ago with the departure of Baby Baltazar, ex-lightweight champion of the Philippines, Leo Heaney, Australian welterweight and Mickey McKay, South African bantamweight, made a welcomed comeback with a series of junior promotions run by Promoter T. B. Lim at the Happy World covered arena.

With most of the topnotch boxers lying idle in the country owing to the lack of suitable opponents and as promoters think the importation of foreign fighters too expensive, a lot of new faces, many of them former amateurs, are featured in the junior promotions.

Although the standard of boxing at these cards was well below the grade, the fans were treated to some really honest-to-goodness slugging.

Promising among the new fighters are Kid Walkey, a Chinese bantamweight; Young Kassim, a two-fisted Malay flyweight, and Sonny Chia, a Chinese flyweight who was the Singapore amateur champion in this year's competition.

Promoter Lim signed Golden Boy, the lightweight champion of the Federation of Malaya, and Jimmy Welch, of the Royal Air Force, for a 10-round scrap. Welch, 129¼, easily outpointed Golden Boy, 137.

On the same card, Tommy Woods of the Royal Navy weighing 128¾, stopped Ong Hock Beng, 126, in the fifth session.

With no other lightweights or welterweights available in the country, Golden Boy has signed up for fights in Java. Also Java-bound are the Chinese flyweight Mok Kai Khoon and the Sikh bantamweight Jagior Singh. Khoon made a great impression in Australia two years ago when he toured the country with a Malayan boxing team.

A Singapore syndicate, who foresee a promising future for boxing in the Colony, is in communication with Charley Miller and David Kui Kong Young who are in Manila, with the object of getting Young for fights here. A similar offer has been made to Kid Independence, who has fought Young before.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By SOL C. MALOON

AT JOHANNESBURG—All records went by the board when 24,000 people paid $170,000 to see the long-awaited fight between Freddie Mills, 174, holder of the world's cruiserweight title, and Johnny Ralph, 190, the S. A. heavyweight champion. Brilliant organization by the White City Sporting Club, piloted by Reg. Haswell and Gilbert Brown, insured the utmost comfort for every ticket holder. Mills knocked out his local opponent in 50 seconds of the seventh round with a right to the jaw.

Preliminaries—Johnny Williams, 171½, Mills' stablemate, scored a comfortable eight-round win over our national cruiserweight champion, Fred Vorster, 169. Alf James, 148, the S. A. welterweight champion, scored a narrow win over rugged Don Carr, 147, in six. George Hunter, 174½, who won the Olympic cruiserweight title in London recently and also the Val Barker Trophy for the best boxer at the games, won over Bert Dartnall, 173, the latter being disqualified for holding in the third. Pat Patrick, 145, a good prospect, kayoed Harold Roberts, 144½, in the first of a scheduled four. Gillie Van der Westhuizen, 150, won over Maurice Ouezman, 144, in four. Ken La Grange, 156, outpointed Davie Stephenson, 156½, in four. Tony Liversage, 143, took a points decision over Peter Mansour, 140½, over four.

At Johannesburg—What a pity it is that the police will not allow paid European attendances at non-European tournaments, for there I enjoyed one of the best fight programs I have ever seen. The whole show was beautifully run and we can only hope that this ban will be rescinded in the near future. If it is, I am sure that native boxing will enjoy as great a popularity as the European contests.

The Transvaal Association for Non-European Professionals presented as their main bout, a 12-round contest for the S. A. Non-European Flyweight Championship between Kid Sweetie, 111¼, and Kid Snowball, 110¾. On paper it looked a very even fight but in the first round, Snowball, punching like a heavyweight, put Sweetie down for the count.

Preliminaries—Saul Modiselle, 120, and Sol Malefane, 119½, fought a very hard four-round draw, an excellent match. Sam Motau, 150½, outpointed Fondi Mavuso, 143, in six. Simon Mtimkulu, 152, K. O.'ed Andrew Veldsman, 148, in the first of a scheduled eight. Gilbert Moloi, 185, stopped Gani Naidoo, 170½, in the second.

At Durban—The top liner of Seaman Chetty's tournament featured the Non-European Middleweight Champion, Jolting Joe, 159, and Young Hussein, 148. The bout lacked thrills mainly because of Hussein's endeavors to keep it at close quarters. Jolting Joe won.

Preliminaries—A new star was born when Albert Tissoung, 125, K.O.'ed Michael Twala, 120, bantamweight champion of S. A., in the sixth round. In a six-rounder, One Round Homicide Hank (sic) 134, was behind on points when he dropped Kid Coco, 134, in the fifth. Goolan Mohamed, 123, won a points decision over Kid Alpheus, 125, in a poor four-rounder.

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The Ring Question Box

Thomas Rearden, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Q.—How many of Joe Louis' challengers have scored knockdowns over the champion?

A.—Tony Galento, Buddy Baer and Joe Walcott. Braddock also scored a knockdown but in his fight with Louis, Joe was the challenger and Braddock the champion.

Arthur Mulholland, Topeka, Kansas

Q.—What is the correct name of Mickey Walker?

A.—Edward Patrick Walker.

Frank Mirabel, Tampa, Fla.

Q.—I was reading an old English book and I came across a sentence which said that mufflers were used. What does that mean in boxng?

A.—It was a term used in England during the early days of boxing to designate gloves.

Martha McQuillan, Vancouver, B. C.

Q.—Recently in a quiz the question was asked—what does the "J" in Jimmy Braddock's name stand for? The answer given was Joseph. I read somewhere that Joseph was not his name. Is that correct?

A.—It stands for Joseph, but Joseph is not his christened name. It is that of his father and he took it for a fighting name because of the initial J, which is the middle initial of James Corbett and James Jeffries. Braddock's real name is James Walter Braddock.

Arlene McDonald, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—Who fought the first contest in Madison Square Garden?

A.—Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach, for the light-heavyweight title. Berlenbach retained it. The fight took place on December 11, 1925. You will find all this type data in Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book for 1948.

Glen Phillips, Detroit, Mich.

Q.—Is there any chance of Hostak and Cerdan meeting? How many fights did Hostak have with Zale?

A.—No. Three. Zale beat Hostak in 10 and kayoed him in 13 and 2 rounds. Get my Ring Record Book. You'll find complete records in the 1948 edition.

Harry Evans, Galveston, Texas.

Q.—How many times did Miguel Acevedo of Cuba and Willie Pep clash?

A.—Once. They met in Minneapolis on June 17, 1948 and Pep won the decision at the end of ten rounds.

Q.—Does Sandy Saddler hold any championships outside of the world featherweight title?

A.—Since he is a citizen of this country, though he has beaten the champions of seven countries, he cannot hold the crowns in those countries. Only a native can be the owner of a championship of any particular country. However, Saddler's knockout of Pep strengthens his hold on the international title. There can be no doubt that he is truly a world champion.

Ray Burgado, Tampa, Florida

Q.—Can a champion in the featherweight division, for example, fight the champion of the lightweight division and gain the title of that higher class if he should win and both are within the class limit?

A.—Yes, he could. Henry Armstrong held three titles. However, because of that, the N.B.A. and New York passed a rule which prohibits a champion in a lower division from competing for a title in a higher division unless he first gives up his title in the lower class. This was done to prevent one man from holding more than one championship at a time. However, there are states in the N.B.A. which ignore that rule and would permit such a fight to take place if arranged by one of their promoters.

Leonard Marsill, New York City

Q.—While at an English class in St. John's College, the professor had occasion to discuss the word "welter." The meaning is "to wallow, as a hog in the mire." I asked the question, "How does the word "welter" apply to boxing as in "welterweight class"? Our professor offered a number of explanations, all very sound, but in conclusion frankly stated that from the sources at hand he could not establish a definite connection between the two. Can you give us some extra data on this query?

A.—Your professor is correct in the definition of the word welter. It is "to wallow, as a hog in the mire." In horse racing it is a weight of 28 pounds that is imposed in addition to weight for age, in steeple chasing and in hurdle races. But in boxing, it is a weight intermediate between the light and middleweight divisions.

In ancient times, when the British, who popularized the art of boxing, had only one class, everybody for a time, regardless of weight, participated in that class, namely the heavyweight division. Not that men who scaled 140 or 150 pounds were heavyweights, but that there was no distinction in weight classes. One who was regarded as a fighter had to take his chances against an opponent regardless of weight.

Then the Corinthians, who ruled boxing, decided on a measure to protect the smaller or lighter men, by designating classes, and accordingly hit on one other class, the middleweight, so that all boxers who wanted to fight in the lower division, were listed as middleweights and all others, as heavies.

In later years, when boxing was organized in America, the Americans instituted the lightweight and the welterweight classes to care for boxers who found the strength of the middleweights too great to overcome and in the lightweight class went all under 130 pounds while those above, between that class and middleweights, were designated as welterweights—men with added weights of twenty pounds, the same as was given to steeplechase horses. Thus the welterweight class carried a weight anywhere from 130 to 154 pounds.

As fighting progressed and the prize ring became more and more popular, other divisions were organized—the paperweight (up to 65 pounds); the bantam (up to 112 pounds), the featherweight (up to 118 pounds). Still later these pounds were shifted according to the desire of a title holder who had full power to make the weight limit and in more recent years, a definite class limit was established by law. The light-heavyweight class grew out of a desire to aid boxers who found it too tough to tackle heavy men and it was through the efforts of Lou Housman and Jack Curley that a 175-pound limit class was organized.

The British were the first to establish a paperweight (later called the flyweight division), and bantam and feather classes.

This is the story of the weights in boxing.

Charles Garton, Canon City, Colorado

Q.—Was Rocky Graziano floored in his fight with Billy Arnold?

A.—No. He was in bad shape but was not floored.

Q.—Was John L. Sullivan recognized in England as world champion?

A.—No. Many American writers likewise did not recognize Sullivan as world title holder. He was the American Champion heavyweight and though a number of the New England scribes insisted he held the world crown, just as many scribes insisted that he held only the U.S. championship.

Q.—Was Joe Baksi ever floored in any of his fights?

A.—Yes, in a preliminary bout with Al Hart.

Erin Ching, Honolulu, Hawaii

Q.—How can I develop strength in my chin?

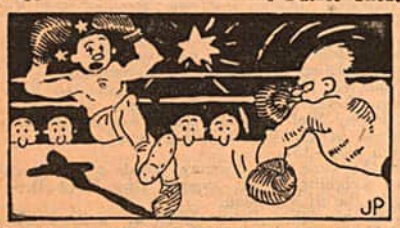
A.—By chin exercises. Place the palm of your hand against the chin and press hard upwards. That's one exercise. Another is tossing the head upwards and downwards. A third is chewing gum.

Art Fuller, Roanoke, Virginia

Q.—If a heavyweight champion, like Joe Louis on his tour, engages in bouts that are advertised as exhibitions and are listed as such by the Boxing Commission, can he lose his title if knocked out?

A.—No. Not if listed as an exhibition in which there is no decision rendered and for which there are no judges used nor an official referee assigned. In such exhibitions, Louis, to protect his interests, uses fourteen or sixteen ounce gloves and the rounds are two minutes instead of three.

If, as was the case when Gene Tunney wanted to appear in exhibitions on the Palace Theatre



stage, the commission insists that exhibitions are not permitted and that the usual procedure of having a referee and two judges is mandatory and that they must render a verdict at the end of bout, and that regulation gloves must be used, then the championship can change hands if the verdict is against the champ.

In all such exhibitions every time a heavyweight champion boxes under such conditions, he risks his crown. That's why Louis will never fight an exhibition in New York or in any other state where the commission insists on a decision or the use of regulation gloves.

Charles Martino, Dallas, Texas

Q.—Has Abe Greene, the National Commissioner of Boxing, the same powers over boxing as Happy Chandler has over baseball?

A.—No. Greene is only the National Boxing Association's National Commissioner. He acts as an advisor to the executive board of the NBA. His job is a big one and perhaps some day he will be appointed by the President of the United States, through legislative action, as the National Commissioner for the entire country.

Samuel Zifkin, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q.—Since the first recognized championship heavyweight bout in America was fought between Tom Hyer and Yankee Sullivan on September 9, 1841, how many Americans have held the world heavyweight title?

A.—Sorry, you'll have to dig through my All-Time Ring Record Book for 1943 or the Nat Fleischer Record Book for 1948 to get your answer. That's why I get out the record book.

William McCoy, Buffalo, N. Y.

Q.—Recently in a radio quiz the question was asked how many times did Schmeling defend his title and against whom. I answered once, against Sharkey and lost. The answer was ruled incorrect. The quiz master said twice and quoted your Record book as authority. I dispute the correctness of his answer and leave it to you.

A.—He is correct. After Schmeling had won the title by international acclimation following his defeat of Jack Sharkey in 1930 on a foul, he defended the title against Young Stribling in Cleveland in 1931 and with only fifteen seconds to go,

Referee Blake called a halt because of the shellacking Stribling was getting and awarded the fight to Schmeling on a KO in the 15th round. The following year, on June 21 at the Long Island Bowl, Sharkey again tackled Schmeling in a title bout and won the decision in fifteen rounds. Schmeling therefore defended his crown twice and not once.

Franklin Hammond, Indianapolis, Ind.

Q.—Can a fighter lose his title if during a championship bout he suddenly becomes ill and cannot continue? Can a championship fight end in a draw?

A.—Certainly. If he cannot continue he loses by a knockout. It would be unfortunate if he became ill and had to lose the fight under such circumstances, but that would not be taken into consideration in rendering the verdict in favor of his opponent. Yes, a title bout can end in a draw. There is nothing in the rules of boxing preventing such a verdict.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By JOHN L. HABIB

BERT LYTELL scored a clear-cut points victory over Gentle Daniel, Trinidad and West Indies light-heavyweight champion, in a ten-round bout at the New Mucurapo Stadium before a capacity crowd. Conqueror of Holman Williams, Kid Tunero, and other big name fighters. Daniel suffered his first defeat since Jota Jota Fernandez knocked him out in the fourth round about two years ago.

The Trinidad orphan gave a courageous display and fought to the very last, but was unable to cope with Lytell's speed, aggressiveness and attack that came from all angles. Lytell had Daniel helpless on the ropes in the ninth but the bell saved him. Weights were as follows: Bert Lytell, 164½; Gentle Daniel, 168½.

In one of the greatest fights seen in a local ring, Lawrence S. Assam and Bull Gilkes fought to a sensational draw. Assam knocked down Gilkes with his very first punch, a right hook, and from then on both men stood toe-to-toe and slugged it out. Assam had the better in the early rounds but Gilkes was best in the last sessions.

Weights were as follows: Lawrence S. Assam, 150; Bull Gilkes, 155.

Both preliminaries, over six rounds, ended inside the limit. Rudolph Bradshaw, 123, knocked out Young Syd Brown, 119½, in the third round after leading on points up to then. Brown, a classy little boxer, was clever on the ropes, but a left hook to midsection started him to defeat. Hector Constance, 140, gained a knockout against C. Ollivierre, 141, in the first round.

DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

WITH the fall season in full swing fans of this vicinity received their share of action, and the way matters appear at this writing next month will even be brighter.

Orville Godfrey promoted three cards at Detroit's Arcadia, Hap Tucker held two shows in Windsor, Tommy Cussans ran a show in Flint, Bobby Rings started up in Grand Rapids, and Sid Goldberg promoted the Police-Fire show in Toledo.

Boxing has not had a chance at Olympia Stadium since July 15, when Tommy Yarosz easily outpointed Johnny Colan. But the bell definitely will sound again next month with Nick Londes having lined up two dates. Ray Robinson will top one card with Detroit's O'Neill Bell.

Godfrey has resigned Leroy Willis to defend his state lightweight title against Harold (Baby Face) Jones, and Lester Felton plans to challenge the winner. Rings expects to bring back Verne Mitchell with Pat Comiskey.

George Sugar Costner, 148, of Cincinnati, also California state welterweight champion, took Willie Russell, 142, of Columbus, in hand to gain the unanimous decision in ten hard-fought rounds of milling. Russell subbed for Eddie O'Neil, who was forced out with a cut eye received in training. The Columbus battler came out with a game performance, forcing Costner to fight all the way for the verdict. But it was clear cut from the start and the only chance of a Russell victory lay in a knockout which never came about.

In one of the six-rounders, Jay Watkins, 135, Flint knockout artist, found the going plenty tough against Joe Kelly, 135, an experienced hand out of Cincinnati, and wound up the winner only after a hard-fought battle.

In the other, Art Edmonds, 128, Cincinnati, tagged Henry Armstrong, 131, Windsor, near the end of the first and the latter was unable to answer the bell for the second.

Gord Drouillard, 138, Windsor, had his affair with Tommy Shonk, 140, Detroit, called a draw, and Lloyd Michigan, 206, Detroit, was awarded a T.K.O. when his opponent, Nick Cova, 205, Flint, was unable to come out for the third.

Tommy Cussans, Michigan's foremost boxing promoter, returned the sport to Flint's IMA and presented two eight-rounders showing Bennie McCombs, 175, local boy, with Detroit's Rango Harris, 175, in one; and Tommy Matthews, 138, Detroit, against Dennis Moe Harvey, 137, Warren, in the other half of an action-packed card.

McCombs, state light-heavy king, played second part as his opponent hammered him down three times and out in the opening issue. Fighting only his sixth pro encounter, Harris left the crowd in amazement of his speedy and one-sided victory.

Matthews, stablemate of Harris, also left the onlookers with a surprise as he defeated Harvey over the eight-round route.

Other bouts: Mickey Young, 122, Flint, made it 12 straight without defeat as he stopped Bill Wilburn, 124, Detroit, in the second; Allie Gronik, 142, Detroit, was awarded a decision over Tony Necro, 150, Warren, only after six hard rounds of fighting which saw one then the other take the lead; and Chuck Simmons, 151, Detroit, surprised when he held his fellow townsman, Billy Borne, 152, to a draw in four rounds.

After a slow start, Oliver Burton, formerly of Windsor, now fighting out of Montreal, came on strong in the closing rounds and won a split decision over Danny Martin, Detroit, at the Windsor Arena, reversing two previous defeats.

Burton, filling in for Teddy Swain, who suffered an injury in training, forced the action all the way. Both fighters left the ring with cuts around the eyes, but neither was seriously cut.

Referee Johnny Weber and Judge Joe Boles had identical cards, giving Burton three rounds, three even, and two for Martin, while Judge Herman Spinelli scored only two for Burton, three even, and three for Martin.

Billy Borne, Detroit, returned to score over Toledo's Art Jackson for the six-round semi-final victory. Although it was only his second pro start, the out-of-towner made things interesting in an action-packed battle.

Four-rounders—Cecil Graff, Detroit, packed too many guns for Bobby LaLonde, Detroit, and was awarded a T.K.O. when the latter failed to answer the bell for the third. Tommy Shonk, Detroit, had too much for Louis Tauro, Montreal, with the bout being stopped at 2:30 of the second. Scot Hampton, Detroit, had too much class for Eddie Hill, Detroit, and was awarded the decision. Gord Drouillard, Windsor, was handed a decision over Louis McKessick, Detroit, in a heated opener.

In a classy hard-fought battle at the Arcadia Gardens, George Sugar Costner, 154, formerly of Cincinnati and now of Detroit, was awarded a seven-round T.K.O. when Referee Morie Sherman stepped in and stopped Detroit's Eddie O'Neil, 152, from continuing at 2:04 of the issue much to the protests from the latter. Referee Sherman was justified in calling a halt although Eddie claims he was not hurt.

It was a canny, ringwise battle with plenty of fireworks and very close. Harder and faster punching proved enough for Costner to overtake his adversary. O'Neil was down for nine in the third.

Another ten-rounder presented Michigan's leading contender for heavyweight honors, Vern Mitchell, 189, Detroit, outpointing Henry Jones, 185, Detroit. Julius Piazza's charger was forced to come forth with a late rally in order to sway the official vote and overtake an early lead compiled by his foe.

In the preliminaries, highly touted Dave Tyson, 128, Port Huron, outpointed Russ McKinney, 125, Indianapolis, in his first pro start. Gord Drouillard, 138, Windsor, and Tommy Shonk, 141, Detroit, once more fought to a four-round standstill. Charlie Cotton, 146, Toledo, was awarded a T.K.O. over George Warren, 154, Indianapolis, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the second, and Jimmie Carroll, 157, defeated Lee Deck, 150, Indianapolis.

Vern Mitchell, 189, Detroit, defeated veteran Perk Daniels, 211, New York, in ten rounds on top of Bobby Rings' first promotion in Grand Rapids' Civic Auditorium.

Mitchell came on after a slow start to drop his opponent twice in the ninth for counts of eight and ten. Mitchell punched often only to have Perk roll off the blows and counter with a left jab, which helped close the former's left eye.

Former state welterweight champion Willie Edmonds, Grand Rapids, lashed out with rugged last frame rallies which failed to catch the eyes of the ring officials, so Bill Stemmler, Windsor, was proclaimed victor after eight rounds of a semi-final battle.

In a six, Lou Hardman, 165, Jackson smoothie, tangled with Tiger Jack Biddle, 165, Detroit, and was given the verdict in the best bout of the evening. With Hardman the aggressor, both boys slugged it out all the way, calling for a close decision.

Fours—Chuck Golden, Saginaw, won a T.K.O. over Doyle Hirt, Grand Rapids, when the latter received a split cheek in the second. Chet Syps, Grand Rapids, made his pro debut with a decision over Billy Bradley, Newcastle, Pa., and Willie Thurman, 151, Grand Rapids, scored with a T.K.O. over Les Lassure, 150, Windsor, in one.

With a good turnout on hand Lou Valles, 154, New York, came from behind to hold highly regarded golden boy, Tony Janiro, 149, Youngstown, to a draw in one of the carded ten-rounders of the Police-Fire program staged at Toledo. Indications point towards a rematch at a future date.

Undefeated Lee Sala, 159, Tampa and Donora, Pa., made it 44 straight as he defeated Tony DeMicco, 161, Brooklyn, with an educated left hand. The development of the right mitt and Sala will become a serious threat to some of the better middleweights in the game today.

George Sugar Costner, 146, Detroit, belted Bobby Mann, 152, Trenton, N. J., to the canvas only to be saved by the bell in the sixth, but was unable to answer the bell for the following round.

Adding to his woes, Bennie McCombs, 167, Flint, was decked by Roy Miller, 165, Kansas City, at 1:15 of the sixth. It's time for Bennie to hang up the padded mitts with K.O.'s at the hands of Billy Smith and Rango Harris still ringing.

Two other bouts showed Charlie Cotton, 146, bright Toledo prospect, winning on a technical knockout from Sonny Boy Akers, 156, Chatham, Ontario, at 2:06 of the third, and Allie Gronik, 141, Detroit, made it 13 out of 15 by outpointing Larry Moreland, 137, Toledo.

An injured paw forced Harold Jones to postpone his attempts to take away the state lightweight honors from Leroy Willis to a later date. As a result, southpaw Walter Kolby flew in from Buffalo as a last minute sub to be outpointed by Michigan's champion in ten slow rounds of fighting.

Referee Johnny Weber tabbed seven rounds for Willis, two even, and one for Colby. Judges Pete Miller and Tom Briscoe also scored heavily for Leroy.

Willis came in at 135 pounds as to 137 for Kolby.

On the undercard, two promising youngsters, Cecil Graff, 149, Detroit, and Scot Hampton, 154, Detroit, hooked up in a good battle with the former winning out. Bobby Morris, 166, Detroit, had the last two rounds of his clash against Art Jackson, 165, Toledo, taken away as well as the decision. Johnny Risko, 172, Detroit, cut Floyd Logan, 169, Detroit, to pieces before having the bout stopped in the fourth, and Bill Grady, 139, Detroit, dropped Louis Tauro, 141, Montreal, for ten at 1:19 of the first.

Fighting his second eight-rounder in three days, Bill Stemmler, Windsor's 155-pounder, was handed his Christmas present a bit early when his clash with Billy Borne, Detroit, was called a draw much to the disapproval of its onlookers at the Windsor Arena.

Stemmler started off in good style, decking his opponent for a short count in the second. From the start of the third through the finish, Borne came forth with smashing left hooks and countered nicely to what should have been his fight.

But apparently Referee Johnny Weber and Judge Joe Bolos were left behind as the former scored the fight a draw and Bolos, a Windsor product, tabbed for the local lad. Luckily, Judge Herman Spinelli had Borne ahead.

Danny Martin, Detroit's Irish featherweight, got back to the win trail with an overwhelming but unpopular decision over Billy Jones, Columbus, in eight.

Otis McGraw, lanky Detroit 160-pounder, took a terrific beating from Sheriff Jackson, Columbus, until Referee Weber halted the affair at 2:04 of the sixth. Only courage kept Otis on his pins as the Sheriff hit enough to win two fights.

A preliminary four had Gord Drouillard, 138, Windsor, fighting a draw with Johnny Varcey, 136, Detroit.

Prospects of the month: Mickey Young, featherweight, from Flint, and Detroit's Bill Borne, middleweight. Both lads are undefeated, Young in 12 bouts and Borne in 21 fights.

HERE AND THERE—Michigan Boxing Commission recognizes the following state champions: Light-heavyweight, Bennie McCombs, Flint; lightweight, Leroy Willis, Detroit; and featherweight, Luther Burgess, Detroit. Other titles are vacant at present . . . . Hugh F. Brennan, boxing official, is observing his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife and seven children at their home in Farmington.

Leo Jones informs this writer that his popular light-heavy, Charlie Hayes, will be back to cause trouble among the top contenders of the 175-pound division . . . . Ernest Andrews is claiming the vacant Canadian light-heavyweight title for his Montreal puncher, Eddie Ross, who is undefeated at the present.

Joe Louis has outlined a series of four-round exhibitions to take place in 13 cities. The champion will stop off before the local gathering for Nick Londes at the Olympia Stadium. Near-by Toledo is included on the trip . . . . Harry Harris, former promoter at the Fairview Gardens, is back in town from Baltimore, Md.

On a recent radio broadcast of the Sports Guild, Johnny Weber nominated Chuck Spieser for the amateur award to be voted on at a dinner in January by the members. There is little doubt that Chuck deserves it and he should be a shoo-in for the award . . . . Young Nick Cesaro does a bang-up job assisting the veteran Art Tracy at Annunciation A. C., and is developing into a very fine trainer . . . . Lightweight Frank Polizzi, who twice defeated the highly-touted Lester Felton, is back training and will start as a pro soon.

Three 1948 Class A Catholic Youth Organization champions have done well for themselves. Heavyweight Chuck Spieser is at Michigan State College. Stanley Kursa and Dave Tyson have turned to the fight for pay ranks with the outlook bright. Kursa also copped a C.Y.O. title in 1947. Thomas Shonk, a winner in 1947, is now fighting among the pros. A lot of credit should be given to this fine group and other such organizations.

Old-time fighters and managers, as well as those of the present era of or from this vicinity should feel most free to send along their fistic notes to this writer. Find the address below.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

MICKY THOMPSON (Lowestoft) stopped Eric Hall (Cambridge) in the 11th round at Cambridge and thus retained his title as Eastern Area Welter Champion.

Les Allen, Coventry, 152, received his first defeat in the professional ranks when he lost on points to Danny McKay, Edinburgh, 154¼, after a hard-hitting 8-round bout at Northampton. Jeff Tite, Spratton, 148, outpointed Johnny Borrill, Hull, 137, over eight rounds. Sammy Wilde, Nigeria, 165, knocked out another boy, Cyril Walters, Finedon, 165, in the last of a six-round bout. Ted Ansell, Jamaica, and Moe Walker, Leicester, drew over six rounds in a lightweight contest.

Chris Jenkins, Birmingham, 137, defeated Jackie Evans, Doncaster, 138, in the fifth round at Wakefield, when the latter received a badly cut eye. The same thing happened in the contest between Doug Myers, Doncaster, 163½, and Doug Radford, Mansfield, 163, the contest ending when the latter retired in the 5th round owing to receiving a badly cut eye.

Cliff Curvis, the smart Swansea southpaw lightweight, turned in a good performance by K.O.ing Claude Dennington of Peckham in the eighth round at Pontypool.

Tommy Proffitt, Ashton-Under-Lyne, 1948 A.B.A. bantamweight champion and Olympic Game Representative, made his first appearance as a professional at Preston, when he scored a K.O. over Willie Rigby, Southport, in the fifth round.

Three McMurdie Brothers from Edgware were defeated on one program at Chelmsford. Harry McMurdie, lightweight, was outpointed for five rounds before he retired to Reg Quinlan, Wales. Billy Wagner, Gloucester, outpointed Reg McMurdie over six rounds of a welterweight contest. Brother Johnny McMurdie was outpointed by Brother Peter Wagner, Gloucester, over four rounds of a middleweight bout. Johnny O'Gara, Aylsham, and Les Peabody, Rugby, drew over six rounds of a bantamweight bout.

Dick Turpin, Leamington Spa, the first Negro boxer to win the British Title, and holder of the Empire middleweight title, had a canter when he met Bert Sanders, Kilburn, over eight rounds at Birmingham. Turpin was too clever for the hurricane methods of the Londoner. Alby Hollister, Islington, defeated Johnny Boyd, Peterborough, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the third round. Jack Smith, Worcester, outpointed Bill Brennan, Sheffield, in an eight-round heavyweight contest. Les Allen, Coventry, knocked out Billy Coloulas, New Zealand, in the second round of a welterweight contest. Gerry McDermott, Dublin, KO'ed Tom McArdle, Sunderland, in the fourth of a heavyweight bout.

At Johnny Best's "Stadium," Liverpool, forty rounds of boxing was advertised, but only half the scheduled rounds were seen by the fans, and these were thoroughly enjoyed by them, for every one of the six advertised bouts ended in a knock-out. Billy McDonald, Liverpool, 138½, knocked out Fanie Bushey, South Africa, 137½, in the 2nd round. Ray Fitton, the clever Manchester featherweight, 127¼, knocked out Bert Jorden, Bridlington, 127½, in the 4th. Billy Watt, Liverpool, knocked out Reg Marshall, Widnes, in the 4th round of a middleweight contest. Johnny Gleave, Warrington, scored a 5th round KO over Bobby Horn, Lancaster, in a welterweight contest. Al Kenny, Liverpool, knocked out Peter Gaskell, Wigan, in the 5th of a featherweight bout.

The British Empire lightweight title went overseas when the Negro Canadian, Arthur King, Toronto, defeated Billy Thompson of Hickleton Main, in the 6th round at Belle Vue, Manchester. There were sensational scenes at the closure of the contest when the crowd would not allow the master of ceremonies or the referee, Sam Russell, explain that Thompson retired because he could not see out of his left eye. Up till the sensational termination of the contest, the Canadian was just in the lead, a cut eye in the fifth seemed to put the issue beyond doubt, but Thompson fought furiously when he saw blood streaming from his left eye, and in the 6th round as the bell ended the round, the British champion gesticulated with his seconds that he could not see and wanted to retire. The referee seeing the plight that Thompson was in accepted the word of Thompson and declared Arthur King of Toronto as the Empire lightweight champion.

Frank Ronan, Fulham, winner of The White City heavyweight competition, turned in a smart performance when he knocked out Tom Reddington, Salford, in the 7th round. Jean Machtelinck, featherweight champion of Belgium, outpointed Ronnie Clayton, British and Empire featherweight champion, over 10 rounds. Jeff Tite, Spratton, outpointed Billy Hall, Bournemouth, over 6 rounds of a welterweight bout. Louis Skena, French flyweight champion, defeated Norman Tennant, Dundee, when the latter retired at the end of the 8th round. Willie McBhata, the Negro South African welterweight, knocked out Ginger Stewart, Hamilton, in the 6th round. This was the first appearance of the South African in this country and on this showing his appearances should be many.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, defeated Alf Taylor of Warrington, in the fourth round at Newcastle. Taylor retired at the end of the round.

Dick Levers, Chesterfield, outpointed Billy Barton, Liverpool, after 8 rounds at Chesterfield.

Jock Bonas, Rotherham, won a great point victory when he clearly outpointed the clever Hull featherweight, Stan Gossip, over 8 rounds at Bedford. Hyman Williams, Jamaica, and George Harrison, Shirebrook, fought eight rounds to a draw. Ron Pudney, Croydon, won on a disqualification in the fourth round of his contest with Joe Sands of Hull.

Roy Coote, Falmouth, 132, won the South-Western Area lightweight title when he outpointed Harry Legge, Bournemouth, 132¼, in 15 rounds at Chard.

Bob McArdle, Barnsley, 193, made short work of Tom North, Sunderland, 184½, scoring a KO win in the first round at Sunderland. This was their third meeting, with honors being two to one in favor of McArdle.

Ted (Kid) Lewis, manager of Claude Dennington, South-Eastern Area lightweight champion, tells me that Dennington will retire from the ring because the injuries to his jaw after his contest with Cliff Curvis in Wales was of too serious a nature. 'Tis a pity, for Dennington was one of the best club fighters that we have had here for quite a long time.

Billy Exley, Newcastle, 148½, gained a well-earned points victory over Reg Hoblyn, London, 150½, at the end of 10 rounds at Johnny Best's Liverpool "Stadium." Selwyn Evans, Monmouth, 128, was a points winner over Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, 126, over eight rounds. This was Dumazel's first contest since his return from America. Johnny Flannagan, Scotland, won his welterweight bout against Tony McTigue, Wigan, when the latter was disqualified. Peter Keenan, Scotland, outpointed Denis Sale, Northwich, over six rounds of a flyweight bout. Ronnie Bates, Golborne, stopped Johnny Williams, Liverpool, in the third of a featherweight contest.

Danny Nagle, Ireland, 129¼, gained a narrow points victory over Albert (Boy) Bessell, Bristol, 127½, in the feature bout over eight rounds at Bath.

Over in Belfast the fans were subjected to witness the "passing" of one of Ireland's most popular champions in Jimmy Warnock, who after making a spurt in his comeback, was defeated beyond all doubt by the younger Jackie Briers, Belfast, 110¼, in the fourth round of a contest that was for the eliminating series for the Irish flyweight title that he once held. Warnock scaled 110 and in the third round a cut eye had Warnock in a pitiable state. The referee, Neilly Thompson, spared the ex-champion the agony of a KO defeat by intervening in the fourth round.

Jim Keery, Lisburn, 134¾, stopped Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 136, in the fourth round after the latter had received a badly cut forehead. Ike Weir, Belfast, 107½, outpointed Eddie Fitzsimmons, Liverpool, 104¾, over eight rounds. Jim McCann, Belfast, 127¾, forced Johnny Cazeau, Trinidad, 132½, to retire in the fifth round. In the Irish lightweight eliminating series Pat Kelly, Belfast, 133, knocked out Al Gibson, Belfast, 132¼, in the sixth round, and Mickey O'Neill, Belfast, 131½, outpointed Dave Watson, Belfast, 132½, over 10 rounds. In the welterweight eliminating series Jackie King, Belfast, 146½, outpointed Freddie Webb, Belfast, 146½, over 10 rounds.

Sammy Reynolds, Wolverhampton, reversed a previous points defeat by scoring a KO over Ronnie Burr, Wandsworth, in the third round at Weston-Super-Mare.

Ivor Simpson, Basingstoke, spoiled the record of Roy Coles, Weston, who was undefeated in the last two years—by scoring a KO in the fifth round. Hecky Holdsworth, Slough, was outpointed by Teddy Larkham, Isleworth, over eight rounds of a lightweight contest. Jim Bryan, Bournemouth, knocked out Jackie Self, Basingstoke, in the sixth round of a welterweight contest.

Teddy Gardner, West Hartlepool, 118, outpointed Gaston Van Bos, Belgium, 120¾, over eight rounds at Hanley. Johnny McGowan, Leeds, 163, outpointed Sammy Wilde, Nigeria, 162, in a thrilling eight-round bout. Eddie Larty, Nigeria, 128, defeated Tommy Clark, Leeds, 129¾, in eight rounds. Dennis Powell, Wales, 175, knocked out Harry Naylor, South Elmsall, 168, in the fifth.

The Town Hall, Bournemouth, was packed to capacity, when Freddie Mills, world's cruiserweight champion, made a public appearance in his home town, and he received a tremendous reception from the fans that witnessed his early successes. In the feature bout, Ivor Thomas, Wales, narrowly outpointed Mike McTigue, Ireland, over eight rounds of a welterweight contest. Peter Fay, Boscombe, 115, stopped Mickey Jones, Southend, in the sixth round when the latter retired. Harry Legge, Parkstone, 134, outpointed Johnny Cunningham, Bethnal Green, 139, over eight rounds.

Jess Bertwistle, Bolton, 151, outpointed Tommy Kelly, Barrow, 149, over eight rounds in the feature bout at Morecambe.

Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 128, scored a clever win over Stan Gossip, Hull, 127¾, in the feature bout of eight rounds at High Wycombe. Allan Cooke, Mansfield, defeated Pat Stribling, Croydon, in the third round when the referee stopped the cruiserweight bout after Stribling had received a badly cut eye.

Eddie McCullough, Belfast, 120½, was outpointed at Belfast by Owen Johnson, Jackdale, 124, in eight. Charlie Meikle, Belfast, 133½, knocked out Micky Foyle, Coatbridge, 132, in the seventh round. Jim Campbell, Belfast, 126¼, knocked out Pat Murphy, Nottingham, 132¼, in the second.

Jimmy Gill, Redcar, 116, outpointed Jackie McCall, Jarrow, 117, over eight rounds at Middlesborough. Jimmy Trotter, Shildon, 135, gained a points win over Dave Parker, Doncaster, 133, after a great bout of six rounds.

Ken Shaw, Scottish heavyweight champion, journeyed over to Gothenburg, Sweden, to meet Nisse Anderson, local heavyweight, over eight rounds, and after the full distance, the decision was a draw. On the same card Ollie Tandberg defeated Mentmore Mazzall, Italy, in the sixth round, when the latter retired.

Eddie Cardew, Holloway, gained a points win over Don Smith, High Wycombe, over eight rounds of a welterweight contest at Rochester.

The Davis Theater, Croydon, was packed to the doors when the third meeting between Mark Hart, 159, and Albert Finch, 159, two locals, met for the middleweight championship of the South-Eastern Area. The third time of asking Finch made vast improvement on his two previous contests for he picked his punches and hit crisply and scored at every opportunity. Hart put up a plucky fight in defense of his title, but he found the going hard and at the end of 12 rounds Finch was a worthy winner. Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, 117¾, outpointed Pinchie Thompson, Jamaica, 117, over eight rounds. Des Garrod, Paddington, 139, was too good for Kenny Green, Croydon, 140, and the referee wisely stopped the contest in the seventh round in Garrod's favor. Pat Stribling, Croydon, 175, outpointed Ernie Woodman, Battersea, 179, over eight rounds. Ron Kitchen, Tunbridge Wells, 125½, outpointed Leyson Thomas, Croydon, 137, in a rousing six-round contest.

Hyman Williams, Jamaica, outpointed Chris Jenkins of Stourbridge, over eight rounds of a lightweight contest at Slough.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, Norwich, knocked out Trevor Burt, Ogmore Vale, in the sixth round at Great Yarmouth.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, stopped the local southpaw welterweight, Ric Sanders, in the third round at Leicester. The referee intervened and declared Hawthorne the winner. Charlie Squire, Coventry, outpointed George Sutton, Wales, over eight rounds of a flyweight contest. Jeff Tite, Spratton, outpointed Joe Cassidy, Glasgow, over eight rounds of a welterweight bout. Ronnie Riley, Preston, knocked out Joe Burt, Leicester, in the third round.

Bert Buxton, Norwich, outpointed Morley Nightingale, Wicken, in an eight-round welterweight bout at Yarmouth. Charlie Waters, Downham Market, outpointed Les Bultitude, Norwich, over eight rounds of a bantamweight bout. Colin Wilson, Norwich, defeated Peter Godfrey of Wisbech in the third round when the referee intervened.

Ray Fitton, Manchester, 127½, outpointed Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, 128, on points over 10 rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool. Jackie Turpin, Leamington Spa, 125¼, won on points over Tommy Bailey, Liverpool, 126, at the end of eight rounds. Joe Murphy, Glasgow, making his debut as a professional, scored a KO over Albert Sanderson, Northampton, in the second round of a flyweight bout. Tommy Kelly, Barrow, stopped Freddy Leyland, St. Helens, in the fourth round of a welterweight bout. Don Francis, Liverpool, won on points over Jackie Ryan, Stoke, after six rounds of a featherweight contest.

Jack Solomons was rewarded with another full house at the Royal Albert Hall, when Jackie (Sensation, Paterson, former world's flyweight champion, although but a shadow of his flyweight days, had enough on the ball to score a KO over Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, in the seventh round of a contest scheduled for eight rounds. Both weighed inside 120, and O'Sullivan who was streets ahead on points was caught with one of Paterson's specialties, a short right to the jaw, which put O'Sullivan out for a long count. The

timekeeper could have counted 100 and then the Finsbury Park lad would not have heard the count. Dickie O'Sullivan, Danny's younger brother, was fortunate to receive the decision over Maurice Sandeyron, European flyweight champion, after eight rounds at a match made at 116. Sandeyron came in as a substitute for Rinty Monaghan, who was indisposed. Dick Turpin, Leamington Spa, British and Empire middleweight champion, did not exert himself in his contest with Duggie Miller, South Africa, for the latter was out of his class, and wisely retired at the end of the seventh round, after receiving a badly cut eye. Both weighed in under 162 pounds. The highlight of the show was the classic contest between Elis Ask, Finland, 127, and Eddie Miller of Australia, 126½, over eight rounds. They had previously fought a draw on the Mills-Lesnevich show in which Miller was unlucky not to have received the full honors, but this time Ask dominated the contest from the first gong, and Miller showed his skill as a brilliant defensive boxer, but Ask lasted the better and deserved the decision of Referee Sam Russell. Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 181, stopped Frank Ronan, Fulham, 202, in the seventh round when the referee stopped the contest after Ronan had taken three counts and was in a bad way. Reg Andrews, Deal, 191, outpointed Gerry McDermott, Dublin, 179, over six rounds.

Mike McTigue, Ireland, gained a points win over Ivor Thomas, Wales, after eight rounds of a welterweight contest at Luten. Rees Moore, Luton, knocked out Jim Bryan, Bournemouth, in the third round of a welterweight contest.

Charlie Noble, London, knocked out Bob Bannister, Accrington, in the fourth round at Blackburn.

Ron Crogan, Paddington, stopped Johnny Blake, Chelsea, in the fourth round at Paddington. Blake received a very badly cut eye.

Jackie Phillips, Tredegar, 149, knew too much for Teddy Lee, Islington, 152, in their contest at West Ham. Referee Jack Hart wisely stopped the contest in Phillips' favor after Lee had received a very badly cut eye. Mick Forrester, West Ham, 127, stopped Billy Barrett, Uxbridge, 128, in the fourth round, after the latter had received a cut eye.

Alby Hollister, Islington, defeated Jackie Wilson, Ireland, in the fourth round at Leicester, when the latter retired. Johnny Barton, Lancaster, won a gruelling bout over eight rounds when he beat Don Cockell, Battersea, on points in a cruiserweight contest. Bert Hornby, Bolton, outpointed Roy Davies, Spratton, over eight rounds of a lightweight contest.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

ROSS VIRGO, of Rochester, as a soldier battled his way to a spot as alternate on the United States Olympic team. He is off to a winning start in his professional career. Ross scored a one round knockout over Mario Gizzo of Rome, N. Y., at Syracuse, N. Y., in his first professional fight. Jerry Fleming, up and coming middleweight of Rochester, kayoed Ernie Miles, of Baltimore, in one round. A left hook to the chin did the trick. Both bouts supported a main event in which Joey DeJohn of Syracuse K.O.'ed Oswaldo Silva of Brazil, in the ninth round of a middleweight brawl.

In the second indoor show, Al Baldesino, a busy little battler from Niagara Falls, is back in the fistic swim after an absence of more than four months. He took a unanimous eight round decision over Sammy Mastrean of Pittsburgh. Both boys weighed 141 pounds. In another eight Fritzie Pruden, 141, of Hamilton, Ontario, TKO'ed Lonny Durham, 144, of New York, in two rounds. In the best fight of the night Jerry Fleming, 155, Rochester, defeated Billy Fifield, 161, of Toronto, in six good rounds. In the other bouts Willie Giano, 153, Rochester, and Joey Cardinale, 149, of Toronto, fought six rounds to a draw. In the fours, Mickey McGuire, 158, Buffalo, TKO'ed Ike Isaac, 159, Rochester, in three, and Don Riffe, 176, Binghamton, defeated Jeff McKenzie in four rounds.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Tony Masciarelli, 162, New York, KO'ed Rollin Streety, 165, Cleveland, in two rounds of a scheduled ten-round bout. Other bouts, Johnny Caster, 137, Baltimore, KO'ed Billy Palumbo, of Scranton, Pa., in six. Johnny Swanson, 175, of Rochester, defeated LeRoy Kenney, 174, Baltimore, in six. Charles Green, 130, Baltimore, defeated Filio Prado, 135, Mexico City, in six. Bruce Walters, 145, Williamsport, defeated Bobby Fuller, 140, Binghamton, in four rounds. Jimmy Evans, 138, Binghamton, defeated Jackie Duffy, 139, Baltimore, in four.

Following are the better amateur fights of the month held at the Elks Club. Jackie (Spider) Thompson, 129, Buffalo, decisioned Art Wells, 134, Cleveland, in five. Leonard Dozier, defeated Tony DiPolino, 147, Bobby Barnes, Buffalo, decisioned Ben Ogeltree, Cleveland, 135, Ward Hale, 118, Buffalo, KO'ed Nate Reeves, 118, Cleveland, in four. Chuck Miceli, Rochester, KO'ed Jackie Newman, Buffalo, second, 147 class. Grover Holyfield, Buffalo, KO'ed Bob Smith, Rochester. Ralph Carino, Rochester, decisioned Chris Walsh, Buffalo, in three. Billy Guilford, Buffalo, decisioned Roger Taylor, Rochester, in three. Floyd Morris, Pittsburgh, knocked out Carmen Bertonic, Auburn, in two. Bobby Rosengradt, Buffalo, TKO'ed Zottie Lombardo, Cleveland, in two rounds. Sammy Gregg, Cleveland, outpointed Ward Hale, Buffalo, in five. Ralph Carino, Rochester, outpointed Billy Guilford, Buffalo, in five. Grover Holyfield, Buffalo, outpointed, Chuck Miceli, five rounds. Harry Snyder, Rochester, KO'ed Chris Walsh, Buffalo, in two rounds.

Ross Virgo, Rochester's welterweight, made it two in a row when he defeated Tommy Shonk, of Detroit, in six good rounds at Buffalo. In another bout Johnny Kaufman, Rochester welterweight, looked very good in his one round TKO over Johnny Craigmire, of Saginaw, Mich.

Irish Johnny Rowe, 135, Calvin Leigh, 120, and Jerry Fleming, are working very hard for their coming fights in Syracuse, Montreal, and Buffalo.

Joe LoVerdi, Rochester sporting man, got himself a good light-heavyweight in Johnny Swanson of Cleveland. Swanson is making Rochester his home and Joe LoVerdi has him training with Irish Johnny Flynn, for his coming fights.

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BINGHAMTON, N. Y., RING NEWS

By JOE DIEHL

BURL CHARITY, 160¼, Youngstown, Ohio, won a split decision over Joey Taylor, 157, Binghamton, ten rounds. Charity was a substitute opponent for Taylor when Billy Stemmler of Detroit couldn't make it. Burl had too much inside for Taylor. Referee Wazzo Kocak had six for Charity, three for Taylor and one even. Judge Higgins had six for Charity and four for Taylor, and Judge Johnny O'Brien gave the nod to Taylor, 6-3, with one even.

It was the first loss in his home town for the popular Taylor.

Other results:

Young Lee Q. Murray, 126, Baltimore, decisioned Artie Olsen, 122, Utica, in the semi-final, 6; Larry Johnson, 140, Buffalo, won over Johnny Castor, 137, Baltimore, in a special six; Vince Mazak, 148½, Seymour, Texas, registered a T.K.O. over King Freeman, 149, Cleveland, in 2:45 of the sixth, and Elberto Pescatore, 158, Naples, Italy, defeated Ernie Miles, 154, Baltimore, in four.

Tony Masciarelli, 163, New York, stopped Mel Hawkins, 161, Jamaica, L. I., in one minute of the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round main go. At the outset it appeared that Hawkins would give brawling Tony a boxing lesson and close both his eyes, but Tony took charge in the fourth and dropped Hawkins for a six-count with a short right to the jaw. He floored him again for a count of eight at the bell and belted him out in the fifth with a right under the heart.

Other results:

Alvaro Estrada, 133, Mexico, kayoed Johnny Castor, 137½, Baltimore, in 1:35 of the scheduled six-round semi-final; Roger Whynott, 152, Nova Scotia, stopped Jimmy Robnett, 157½, Knoxville, Ia., in 33 seconds of the first in another slated six; Jeff Clanton, 198, Buffalo, decisioned Chuck Jennings, 250, Elmira, in six, in the only fight of the night to go the distance, and Eddie McGee, 173, Syracuse, kayoed Mike Barron, 178, Binghamton in 1:55 of the second of a scheduled four.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

LACK of dates at the Auditorium put Milwaukee fans on the side lines for the month. The only available date was assigned to Frankie Balisteri's club. He planned an all-star card, but when the boxers started to talk in telephone numbers he passed it up. A little better cooperation by the managers and everybody would have had a payday.

Charley Nevada, tournament director, opened the Golden Gloves gymnasium on November 1, with Eddie Metrie in charge. It is located at 330 W. Kilbourn, only a few blocks from the leading downtown hotel. It has 7000 feet of floor space and is modern in every respect. Milwaukee has been without a centrally located gym for the past year, a handicap to visiting boxers.

With fatal injuries continuing in spite of heavy gloves I talked with several old-timers recently. A point they brought out may aid Abe J. Greene, the new commissioner of boxing, in his efforts to better these conditions. When light horse hair filled gloves were used we were afraid to hit an opponent on the head for fear of breaking our hands. This developed a keen sense of accuracy. When using barrage punches to the head we were careful not to throw our entire weight behind them. Today with the heavy tightly packed gloves, fighters throw punches to the head with reckless abandon. The continued jarring of the head with these weighted fists propelled by heavy-muscled arms is enough to make any athlete guffy. These oldsters may have something worth thinking about.

Fred Saddy, secretary of the boxing commission, in his biannual report to the legislature, shows the fans paid $519,055. The state coffers received $15,388 over and above expenses, which is the largest amount received from the sport in any one period for the past 16 years. The law placed on the statutes in 1913 is the oldest boxing law of record for any state in the Union. During this time the state's general fund has received $132,188.99 over and above expenses. Boxing attendance at present is down about 25 percent here.

Harold Steinman, former manager of heavyweights, Johnny Paychek and King Levinsky, was in town with his skating Vanities. He has a great show with a lot of beautiful talent. Throughout the year he says they have averaged $100,000 per city. He still has a yen for the fight business and would like to get hold of a good heavyweight—so would we.

Charley Lawson, former English welterweight boxer, visited here. He now lives in Detroit. It brought back memories of 30 years ago. Charley, Matt Ades, Referee Harry Stout and I traveled together by train to Omaha, where I fought Clint Flynn in the windup. Ades and Lawson were in the semi. They slopped up on strawberry shortcake in the diner, but advised me not to because I had a tough fight in Flynn. The result was we all had tough fights. Theirs were terrific. Each left the ring badly marked up and gave back the strawberry shortcake in the dressing room after the bout, the moral being, don't underestimate your opponent.

Nunzio Ferrera, one-time state lightweight champion, and good looking enough to be in the movies, has retired. He is doing very nicely in his wholesale tavern business.

Doll Rafferty, state lightweight champion, has settled down to business and is in great condition again. His comeback was held up at Marigold Gardens, Chicago, when the boxing commission barred Bobby McQuillar for a heart ailment several days before the bout, and Matchmaker Jack Begun was unable to secure a suitable substitute for Doll. His sparmate, Milwaukee's Terry Wagner, was on the card and upset the 5 to 1 dopesters by beating Lafayette Drummond, scoring a knockdown in the sixth round.

The Axe Dept. . . . People are funny. . . . Nationally the Wisconsin football team is not so hot. . . . The student are after the coach's scalp. . . . The professors want to retain him. In boxing the University is tops throughout the nation and the students are all for it, but several professors want to stop it.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

THE fistic situation in New England will prosper during the winter months as several good matches are in the making for the leather-tossing followers . . . Callahan AC conducts boxing every Monday night at the Boston Arena and is the leading club in this section . . . As this is written, Joe Louis is scheduled to fight Johnny Shkor in an exhibition for the Callahan AC . . . Leading young prospects in this section are Bobby Quinn, heavyweight from Dorchester with ten kayoes in 13 bouts; middleweight Joe Rindone of Roxbury, who has 20 knockouts in 23 starts, and Nero Ferry of Fall River, undefeated in 11 pro bouts . . . Charley Longo, leading handler and trainer, is doing a good job with Rindone, whom he thinks will develop into a headliner in the middleweight class.

Boston—In the opening show of the fall season in the Hub, Joe Rindone, hard-hitting Roxbury ex-Marine, knocked out Mose Cunikin, 158, Philadelphia, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round feature bout of the Callahan AC at the Boston Arena. It was a hard-fought bout with Rindone holding the upper hand throughout. A companion ten saw Ray Andrews, 135, Lowell, gain a unanimous decision over Tommy Greb, 136, former New England lightweight king from Boston. Leroy Andrews, 148, Boston, pulled one of the biggest surprises of the year when he knocked out Jackie Wilson, 146, Quincy, in the fifth round to stop Wilson's win streak at 20 bouts. James Patrick Connolly, 205, Dorchester, knocked out Frank Catoia, 209, Providence, in the second round, and Frank Lemaire, 143, Providence, R. I., kayoed Joe Carey, 145, Somerville, in the fifth of a rousing scrap.

Boston—Ripper Ralph Zannelli, 149, Providence, R. I., the New England middleweight champion, won another bout at the Boston Garden when he outpointed the willing Chuck Taylor, 145, Coalport, Pa., in the 10-round feature bout before a small gathering. Mr. "Z" finished strong in the last three rounds to cop the verdict. Johnny Potenti, 153, Worcester, looked very good knocking out Pat Murray, 158, New York, in the second round of the scheduled eight-round semi-final. Freddie Small, 149, Cambridge, flattened Al Lemaire, 151, Manchester, N. H., in two, and Red Perkins, 137, also of Manchester, N. H., scored a good win over Johnny Priest, 139, Cambridge, in six. Joe McDonald, 145, Charlestown, outpointed Harry Alle, 149, Boston, in another six.

Worcester—Ringwise Joey Peralta, 151, Douglas, Arizona, and Leo Sawicki, 148, Worcester performer, battled to a 10-round draw in an interesting bout at the Auditorium. Peralta had the edge in the early rounds, but Sawicki came along fast and appeared to have the decision. Jackie Morris, 159, Roxbury, scored a good win over experienced Ernesto Amado, 158, New York, in a six-rounder.

Portland, Me.—Davey Andrews, 149, Lowell, former N. E. welterweight champion, knocked out game George Gervin, 148, Montreal, in the ninth round of a slated ten-rounder. Joey Bolduc, 131, Cambridge, Mass., outpointed Jerry Cannon, 130, Montreal, in the six-round semi-final.

Fall River—Springing one of the biggest upsets of the season, Booker Hodges, 134, Philadelphia, knocked out Nick Stato, 133, Hartford, Conn., in the first round with a left hook to the stomach. Bobby English, 130, Fall River, kayoed Curley Drouin, 133, Beverly, in the third round. A cut eye forced Drouin to quit.

Boston—Belting Charley Fusari, 149, Irvington, N. J., returned to Boston, scene of many of his past triumphs, and registered a four-round knockout over Johnny Dudley, 147, New York, in the scheduled 10-round windup of the Callahan AC at the Boston Arena. A hard right-hand shot to the body did the trick.

The co-feature ten stole the show with Tony Riccio, 131, Gloucester, gaining a split 10-round win over Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 129, Boston, in a wild melee.

Bobby Quinn, 190, Dorchester, added another kayo to his record with a two-round win over Al Amaral, 178, Taunton. Jose Contreas, 154, Fall River, outpointed Harry Alle, 151, Boston, in six. Joe Carey, 148, Somerville, and Joe Keaveney, 150, Roxbury, fought a four-round draw in the opener.

Worcester—Don Williams, 144, Worcester, had too much ability for Johnny Darby, 146, Paterson, N. J., in the 10-round feature bout at the Auditorium. The local youngster won as he pleased. Frank LeMaire knocked out Del Boudreau, 150, Gardner, Mass., in the first round of the semi-final.

Portland, Me.—Leroy Andrews, 152, Boston, knocked out Ted Brassley, 151, Portland, Me., in the second round of the slated ten-round feature at the Exposition Building. Ralph Troiano, 145, Portland, stopped Dick Pouliot, 145, Somersworth, N. H., in the first round.

Fall River—Chuck Burton, a crafty leather-slinger, outpointed Booker Hodges, 134, Philadelphia, in a ten-round headliner at the Casino. Burton, from Jersey City, weighed 135. Andy Bishop, 131, Fall River, outpointed Willie Leo, 132, Portland, Me., in the eight-round semi-final.

Boston—Sharp-punching Roy Andrews, 137, Lowell, scored a hard-earned 10-round decision over New York's Willie Beltram, 135, in a fast 10-round feature bout of the Callahan AC at the Boston Arena. It was Andrews' second straight Hub victory. Roy climbed off the floor from a nine-count knockdown in the fourth round to nab the duke. In the semi-final, Bobby Quinn, 185, Dorchester, a good-looking heavyweight, flattened Jackie Fisher, 195, Bangor, Me., in two rounds. A crushing right-hand wallop was the finisher. Johnny Melko, 208, Worcester, outpointed James Patrick Connolly, 205, Dorchester, in eight rounds. It was a costly win for Melko as his jaw was broken by Connolly in the sixth round. Joey Bolduc, 131, Cambridge, outpointed Willie Leo, 130, Portland, Me., in six interesting heats. Freddie Small, 144, Cambridge, outpointed Sonny Bentley, 145, Fall River, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

Worcester—Johnny Potenti, 151, Worcester, won practically every round as he gained an easy 10-round decision over Ruby Margolin, 155, Montreal, in the feature bout at Mechanics Hall. Potenti is one of the better welterweights in New England. Billy Murray, 135, Boston, TKOed Rene Centero, 140, Springfield, in the second round of the semi-final. Mario Rucci, 132, Worcester, stopped Meteor Jones, 130, Boston, in the third round.

Worcester—In one of the best bouts seen in this city in a long time, Dave Andrews, 145, Lowell, annexed a ten-round decision over Rudy Zadell, 144, Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Auditorium. Andrews had to go the limit to gain the duke over the crowd-pleasing Zadell, who was making his debut in this section. Curley Drouin, 135, Beverly, and Art Smith, 133, Providence, R. I., battled to a draw in the six-round semi-final.

Fall River—Teddy "Redtop" Davis, 134, Brooklyn, N. Y., tallied another victory at the Fall River Casino with a six-round kayo over Jackie Solomons, 136, lightweight champion of South Africa, in the windup at the Casino. Solomons looked good in the early sessions but tired in the fifth and when Davis pounded him at will in the sixth, the Referee stopped the bout. Jose Contreas, 153, Fall River, outdistanced Leroy Andrews, 150, Boston, in the eight-round semi-final.

Athol, Mass.—Edgar Gallant, 130, Gardner, returned to the win column with an eight-round decision over the veteran Blond Tiger, 132, Lowell, at the Auditorium before a large crowd.

Boston—Roy Andrews, 134, Lowell, continued his Boston streak with a ten-round decision over Tomas Beato, 131, New York, in the top bout of the Callahan AC at the Boston Arena. It was a fast bout with Andrews landing the most punches to grab the verdict. Bobby Quinn, 190, Dorchester, iced Tony Gillo, 194, New Haven, Conn., in round two of the slated eight-round semi-final. Nero Ferry, 126, Fall River, displayed good punching power in knocking out Ivan Jones, 128, Portland, Me., in two rounds. Wilfredo Miro, 141, Havana, Cuba, outpointed Johnny Woods, 144, Roxbury, in six rounds. The opener had Jimmy Walsh, 144, Worcester, knock out Kes Ways, 143, Portland, Me., in the second round.

Portland, Me.—Veteran Henry Chemel, 160, Portland, came back in the late rounds to stop Joe Reddick, 162, Newark, N. J., in the sixth round of the main event at the Exposition Building.

Worcester—Charley Williams, 148, Newark, N. J., scored a ten-round decision over willing Ike Jenkins, 146, New York, in the ten-round windup at Mechanics Hall. Williams is virtually unbeatable in this city. Tiger Flowers, 146, Worcester, defeated Angel Chavez, 147, Springfield, in the six-round semi-final.

Fall River—Coming back after a long absence from the ring, Bobby Zollo, 151, Providence, R. I., stopped game George Gervin, 147, Montreal, in the third round of a scheduled tenner at the Casino. Leroy Andrews, 147, Boston, outpointed Harry Alle, 149, Boston, in the six-round semi-final. Tony Ferry, 129, Fall River, knocked out Meteor Jones, 130, Boston, in the second round of a good fight.

Lewiston, Me.—Holding the upper hand all the way, Dave Andrews, 148, Lowell, outpointed Earl Moore, 148, Detroit, in the ten-round feature at the Auditorium. Lloyd Hudson, 128, Portland, outpointed Ivan Jones, 128, Portland, in the eight-round semi-final.

Fall River—New England lightweight champion Jackie Weber, 136, Pawtucket, R. I., knocked out Angelo Ambrisano, 134, Philadelphia, in the eighth round of the top bout at the Casino. Weber's body punches proved too much for the Quaker City lightweight, who was down twice for nine before the kayo wallop. Nero Ferry, 124, Fall River, won his 11th straight pro fight with a six-round knockout over Joey Burns, 130, Philadelphia. It was a rousing scrap. Dick Callahan, 155, Boston, knocked out Paul Williams, 157, Boston, in the second round. Oscar St. Pierre, 140, Fall River, and Jimmy McLarnin, 138, New Bedford, battled to a four-round draw.

Worcester—Leo Sawicki, 148, Worcester, avenged a previous defeat with an eight-round TKO triumph over Don Williams, 144, Worcester, in the scheduled ten-round main bout at the Auditorium. One of the biggest crowds of the year saw Sawicki receive the victory when Williams suffered a bad cut in the seventh round which necessitated stopping the bout in the following round. Barry Wood, 135, Worcester, outpointed Curley Drouin, 134, Beverly, in the six-round semi-final.

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RENO, NEVADA

By J. D. BUCHAN

PEDRO JIMINEZ, squat Vallejo, California, 160 pounder, won his 2nd main go in Reno when he stopped Johnny Jennings, billed as the Idaho middleweight champion, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10-round fracas. At no time was Jennings in front, the six foot one inch lad seeming reluctant to throw his right hand.

In the semi, scheduled for six frames, Phelan "Phil" Sampson, former Reno amateur, made his pro debut before the home town folks and lost by a TKO in four to Billy Epps, Vallejo Negro. Sampson looked good for two rounds but ran out of gas and was draped over the ropes when referee Red Dungan waved Epps away in the fourth.

Joe Ydiando, hailing from Winnemucca, and billed as a claimant of the Nevada 135-pound diadem, was stopped in four by Oscar Smith of San Francisco. The San Francisco Negro had Ydiando down in the fourth for eight counts before applying the finisher.

Ki-Ke Garcia, Sparks featherweight, stopped Danny Innarelli of Tonopah in the second in a good fight which the crowd enjoyed.

Earl Dunn, Nixon welterweight, looked good in scoring a two-round KO over Johnny Waller formerly from Fallon, but now billing out of Reno. Dunn had Waller down for 9 in the first session.

A $25.00 preliminary prize was offered, the winner to be determined by applause from the audience. The crowd couldn't agree who should have it, Dunn or Epps, so it was upped to $30.00 and split, which made everyone happy.

NEW BRUNSWICK RING DOINGS

By FUNDY

THE story on Eddie and Frank (Actor) Connolly, being products of St. John, N. B., ("Straight Man and Comedian"), in the October issue of RING, was condensed as his "Story of the Week," by Foster Hewitt, in his weekly broadcast on sports from Toronto. It was heard all through the CBS and Mutual networks. It was the second story by Bill McNulty, and taken from sports magazines, condensed as "Story of the Week," by Hewitt. The two broadcasts being within three weeks.

Pat Kennedy, of St. John, N. B., a veteran manager and trainer of boxers, and a former wrestler, was taken ill suddenly at his home and died in hospital about six days later. Mrs. Kennedy, who had helped her husband, as secretary-treasurer, and had done considerable traveling with him in filling ring engagements, is continuing the stable. She is being assisted by her only son, David. There is also an only daughter.

Although forbidden by the St. John boxing commission to run a local talent show, Jack Thomas, wrestling and boxing promoter, went through with his announced plans. Duke Hodd got a decision over Crosley Irving, welters. Carl White stopped Sailor McKinnon, middles. Thomas has developed his weekly mat shows to box office successes.

AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

By CLARENCE PUSHECK

THE opening of the winter boxing season in Rockford took place on October 21 at the Shrine Temple. Here are the results:

Tony Guina, Milwaukee, decisioned Al Nedoff from Gary, Ind., in a four-rounder. Ernie Doyle, 168, Michigan City, Ind., T.K.O.'ed Jesse Gully, 168, Brookfield, Ill., in the second round.

Bob Heney, Milwaukee, kayoed Ray Glenn, Indianapolis, in 2:09 of the first round.

Matt Dougherty, Milwaukee, won in eight rounds from Tiger Ted Weems, Chicago.

In the main event, Bobby Sandberg, 135, Rockford, kayoed Bob Beaman, 135, Gary, Ind., in the third round.

AROUND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
By TOMMY McNAMARA

BABY FACE JONES scored his second Seattle victory with a unanimous decision over Eddie Prince, rugged and stout-hearted Los Angeles lightweight. Jones and Prince presented the crowd with ten action-packed rounds. The pace was fast and neither fighter slowed the tempo with excessive clinching. Jones gained many points both offensively and defensively with his precision timing the heft of his wallops.

Charlie Davidson and Joe Thomas, two old timers that can recognize a real fighter insist that the southpaw Jones maneuvers and punches like the fighters of the Battling Nelson-Joe Gans era. Praise indeed, for the old timers are very jealous of the quality of fighters from that bygone day.

The supporting bouts on the Jones-Prince card showed the results of careful matchmaking. In the semi-final, Hal Halloway ran into sudden trouble in the form of Perk Glenn, Negro lightweight stablemate of Prince. Glenn iced Halloway in the first round. In the prelims Bernie Olson KO'ed Al Cliff, of Portland in one round. Bob Sherard, Seattle University heavyweight, KO'ed Leo Talbot, and in the opener Billy Bryant and Alvin De Jaynes, Seattle featherweights, drew in four.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

FIGHTING Bob Smolik, 1943-1944 Golden Gloves champion in the lightweight division, is now a used car salesman here in the old home town . . . . Henry (Hank) Bloomberg, New York Jewish featherweight of 40 years ago, recently opened his own mattress making business here on Kellogg Blvd. in St. Paul. Hank, who has been a resident of the Saintly City since 1913, met some of the best boys in the East, belters like Frankie Flemming and Joe Shrugue.

It wasn't Friday, but nevertheless they fed Jackie Graves, the "Austin Belter," fish in the person of Manny Ortega, Mexican battler, from the city of El Paso, Texas. Jackie, who has the disposition of a timber wolf when given the right sort of opposition, whacked out the kid from the Texas Border City in 1:40 of the first heat, dropping the Texan twice for nine counts before depositing him out on the apron of the ring with his gams hung over the bottom strand for the ten count.

In the six-round semi-final, Mel Hammond, aggressive Negro battler from Minneapolis' North Side, defeated the rough, tough Mexican, Kid "Baby Tampico." The Baby, whose manager is a woman, gave Johnny Tillman, deputy state boxing commissioner, a bad time by her insistence in remaining in her boy's corner. After a lengthy argument the old welterweight finally removed her amidst the boos and hisses of the paying fans.

Jackie Burke, 163, from Minneapolis, defeated Jack Biddle, 160, Detroit, in a six-rounder, while Curt Kennedy, 187, from Wichita, Kan., former A.A.U. champion, gave St. Paul's Willie Jones a terrific pasting, stopping the man mountain of strength in the third frame. This young Irishman really looks good for a green hand.

Art Irlando, 123, from Denver, Colo., won the nod over Dave Wilbourne, 124, from Detroit, in the four-round opener. The gross take was a little over $7200.

Promoter Billy Colbert, St. Paul's hustling five-by-five fistic impresario, offered up both of his two Flanagan stars on the block and lost money. Glen, the older but lighter of the two, won the duke over good-looking Irish Pat Murphy, from Racine, Wis., while brother Del, weighing 138, won an unpopular eight-rounder over rough, tough, well experienced "Eddie Lander," Jewish lightweight veteran from Chicago. The Windy City thumper did all of the leading, chasing Del all over the ring, forcing the St. Paul Mick to back pedal while flicking a light left into the phizzogg of his opponent, who ignored this annoyance by jumping in and winging heavy rights and lefts to the body. Flanagan, never accepting Eddie's offer to stop and make a real fight of it, was content to win the safer but colorless way, much to the disgust of the fans who pay the freight. The decision in favor of Flanagan was well booed by the small crowd who witnessed the caper.

Clyde Anderson, 148, blond puncher from Waterloo, Ia., gave St. Paul's Dick Bighley a neat going over in the best bout seen in a local ring in an eon in another six-rounder, while Baby Boy Walcott, Bruce Jappineer's belter from St. Paul, weighing 174, was given the duke over Blond Jimmy Sheets, 173, from Kokomo, Ind., in the most booed decision given in a St. Paul ring since that night in early June of 1937 when Jack Gibbons was given a draw in his second bout with the West Coast Negro, Oscar Rankins.

In the four-round opener, Gene Flynn, 160, St. Paul, stopped Pete Pheiffer, 159, blond belter from the Mill City, in the third. Following his win, Flynn announced his retirement from the ring. He has a trick knee. The attendance was 3100 with the gross hitting $5234.80.

Glen Flanagan, who held Eddie Lander to a draw in an eight-round bout held recently at the Marigold Gardens in Chicago, is having his hands full of managerial troubles. He is feuding and fighting with his manager, Andy Skaff, a one-time fight promoter of LaCrosse, Wis. His last bout here with Pat Murphy was nearly stopped when the State Boxing Commission recognized Andy's contract and told Glen that following this bout he was barred from boxing in Minnesota until he has settled his differences with his manager. It's too bad they can't get along together for they could make a wonderful team.

It seems like the old saying, "It never rains but it pours," ran true for both of the Flanagan brothers. Following his winning bout over Eddie Lander, Del went to the box office to collect his pay, but like that old character of nursery rhymes, Mother Hubbard, who found her cupboard bare, Del found his purse attached by a certain Mr. John M. Olson, who is suing him for the sum of $5000 for an assault and battery count, due to an impromptu joust at a local dance emporium last June.

Mel Hammond, short, squat, powerfully-built Minneapolis Negro battler, was the recipient of a boxing lesson that didn't cost him one penny. As a matter of fact, he even got paid for it (not much, of course, as the gross draw was only slightly over $2200) when he was cleanly outpointed from here to Timbuctoo by the long-armed Luthur Burgess of Detroit in the ten-round main event. The kid from the Motor City excelled Mel in all departments. Both of the boys weighed in at 127½.

In the six-round semi-windup Jackie Burke, 165, from Minneapolis, outpointed Terry Wagner, 162, of Milwaukee, in six rough rounds.

Curt Kennedy, 188, Wichita, Kan., continued on his merry way by giving southpaw John Hardy of Milwaukee a going over in another six.

The rest of the card: Marlin Pettis, 139, Minneapolis, stopped Jimmy Novak of Omaha, Neb., in the second. Bob Rossie, 152, from Cedar Rapids, Ia., knocked out Floyd Huckeby, 147, from Edgely, N. D., in the first. Johnny Valdez, 143, Mexican battler from Des Moines, Ia., stopped Red Lowery, 142, from Omaha, in the fourth heat.

Burgess made a big hit here by his easy win over Hammond and now Minneapolis fans want to see him in the big Auditorium battle with Jackie Graves. There's a fight that would be plenty interesting and would draw a ton of hay.

This is all for this month. Send your news to C. H. (Spike) McCarthy at his home, 33 Garfield Street, St. Paul, Minn. Don't be bashful with your news . . . . all who are interested in the boxing game.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

HARRY WINKLER, California RING Magazine representative, recently paid a visit to the writer's gymnasium. Harry and his charming wife made a motor trip around the Pacific Northwest, visiting several of the fight spots. The personable Southland couple were high in their praise anent this Tacoma boxing gymnasium.

Matt Jackson, 23-year-old Negro kayo artist, looms as a national middleweight attraction. Out of 23 contests, Matt chalked up 18 by the kayo route. Paul Berner, twice Inter-Allied middleweight champion, has felt the slumber punch of fighting Jackson.

Al Principe, popular Vancouver, B. C., businessman, unfolded a very attractive and action-laden glove program for Vancouverites recently in the Canadian city. Promoter Principe has a Northwest middleweight tournament in mind for the future. Roy Wouters, copper-colored middleweight from Vancouver, is expected to share high in said event.

Chief Crazy Horse, veteran welterweight, has been a resident at nearby Madigan General Hospital. The Chief has been through many stirring ring wars. Reports have it that the veteran once fought Tony Canzoneri.

Paulie Cook, hard-punching Tacoma featherweight, is a favorite with Denver fight bugs. The socking little Tacoman was called back into Denver for another date after his good showing against Corky Gonzales, Denverite.

The McMurtrie brothers, Pat and Mike, Tacoma amateurs, appear far above the average in boxing ability. On a recent Tacoma Shriners' banquet card, Pat and Mike produced some lively entertainment.

With Tacoma getting back into the fight picture, plenty of action should be in store for followers of this sport. Spokane, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and a possible one or two more spots in this line-up, fighters in this neck of the woods should see plenty of action in the coming winter months.

Jack Powers, Spokane promoter, continues to draw well in this state. The hustling Mr. Powers likes Matt Jackson, Negro middleweight.

Some enterprising live wire with a good knowledge of what's what in the fight game desiring to try his hand in promoting boxing, would find a good location for such events in Aberdeen, Wash. Leo Lomski, former Aberdeen Assassin, came out of this Grays Harbor district.

Al "Cat Fish" Bourgeois of West Wego, La., is now teaching boxing for the V.F.W. gymnasium in his hometown.

Unattached fighters coming to this part of the country looking for ring work should contact the writer, Starlight Gymnasium, 1114½ Market Street. Please forward records, etc., in first letter.

Freddie Steele, ex-middleweight champion, now lists Bellingham as his headquarters.

A striking carbon copy to the former Tacoma world's champ, Freddie Steele, Bobby Kimble, 16-year-old amateur lightweight. Steele once fought on an amateur program staged by the writer. Correspondence received from Joe Blenkle, Sports Editor, *Idaho Daily Statesman*, states that two professional boxing licenses have been issued in that vicinity.

Seattle boxing promoter Larry Scheer has for the time being moved his fistic programs from the Civic Auditorium into the Eagles' Hall. Larry will concentrate on talent shows, hoping to develop local talent. This is a move in the right direction. There are a number of likely prospects around the Pacific Northwest capable of moving up the ladder.

SPOKANE NEWS
By CHUCK HAINES

THE largest indoor crowd in Spokane ring history poured $10,200 through the turnstiles to see the long-awaited rematch of the year here on October 27, the bout between Spokane's lightweight sensation, Little Joe Velez, and the hometown Fighting Irishman, Joey Dolan. Velez, a good puncher, stalked the speedy, clever Dolan for seven rounds and just before the gong landed a terrific right-hand smash under the Irishman's heart that dropped him like a pole-axed steer. Dolan was out for ten minutes. Velez is the hottest thing in boxing in the Northwest. World's Champion Manuel Ortiz has been made an offer to show here in December or January.

Al Pinkie Cowan got back into the K.O. column with a one-round win over Chuck Putney of Payette, Idaho. There was more action in 90 seconds than in the average four-rounder. A badly cut eye from a butt when the two battlers collided head-on caused the doctor to halt the bout.

Bolo Eddie Halligan and Frankie Gimbel of Spokane drew in six. Red Garrison looked very good in edging out a win over game Dickie Miller. Ponce DeLeon and Dick Finch, heavyweights, drew.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

JOLTIN' JOE PYLE, 145½, New Waterford, C. B., and Montreal, put away at 1.00½ of the third canto Tommy Gun Spencer, 145, also of New Waterford, in a Maritime welterweight championship bout at Halifax's Shirley Street Arena.

Alvin Upshaw, 152½, Halifax, N. S., pounded out a unanimous decision in six rounds over Ian McNeil, 159½, Montreal, in the semi-final.

Robert Gammon, 136, Dartmouth, N. S., iced John Porter, 138¼, Halifax, N. S., in 1.26 of the second stanza.

Lionel LeBlanc, 140, and Robert Leadley, 147, both of Dartmouth, fought a draw in the opening bout.

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"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Twelve-round bouts:
At Melbourne: Ern Jarvis, 151½, KO'ed Fred Braddick, 155¾, in the third; Russ Woods, 120, stopped Ron Varcoe, 118¼, in eleven rounds.
At Leichhardt (Sydney): Jackie Wilson, 130½, outpointed Nipper O'Brien, 133½.
At Newcastle: Mick Anlezark, 131, outpointed Eric Macready, 130½; Billy Broome, 164, stopped Ray Osborne, 160, in the sixth.
At Brisbane: Arthur McKillop, 128¼, stopped Charlie Ward, 127¼, in the fifth.

Wrestling bouts:
At Brisbane: Dutch Hefner beat Dick Raines who was injured in the sixth, after each had gained a fall.
At Newcastle: Chief Little Wolf beat Al Costello who was injured in the sixth, each gaining a fall.
At Melbourne: Pat Fraley beat Dick Raines who was disqualified in the sixth, each having gained a fall.
At Sydney: Chief Little Wolf beat Seelie Samara in six rounds.
At Leichhardt (Sydney): Seelie Samara drew with Pat Fraley, one fall each.
At Adelaide: Dick Raines beat Bonnie Muir, two falls to one in the sixth.

AUSTRALIA—Dave Sands, 160¼, stopped Len Dittmar, 157½, in five rounds in Melbourne, after Dittmar had been down three times in the fifth round. Sands is so completely above all other Australian opponents that no one knows just how good he really is. It will take a testing from first-class overseas opponents to throw light upon that.

In his first big 12-round fight, Keith Francis, 124¼, gave a promising display to outpoint Russ Woods, 124, at Sydney Stadium. Francis, who has had 17 wins in a row, while working his way through the preliminary ranks, should have a bright future.

George Kapeen, 138, was stopped by Al McEwan, 133, in the third round at Newcastle when his right eyebrow was badly cut. McEwan put Kapeen down for a second in the first round, but Kapeen fought back strongly.

Other 12-round bouts: At Leichhardt (Sydney): Ray Coleman, 125, outpointed Johnny Davis, 127.
At Brisbane: Dave Landers, 127¾, knocked out Johnny Demsky, 125¼, in the seventh.
At Sydney: Fred Riddell, 164, outpointed Joe Upton, 156½.

Australia—In a welterweight title defense, champion Tommy Burns, 146¼, outpointed Mickey Tollis, 144¼, in 15 rounds at Sydney Stadium. Tollis put up a grand fight and there was little between the pair. Nonetheless fight critics agreed that Burns deserved the decision.
Burns won the early rounds, but Tollis came well over the final five and a host of Tollis admirers hooted loud and long when Burns got the decision. Burns grabbed a ring microphone and asked for a fair go and they ended up cheering him. Both men earned over $4,000. Burns again damaged his right thumb, which has been giving him a lot of trouble. Because of this he looks like being out of fights for a couple of months.

Queensland welterweight champion Kev Delaney, 148¾, was generally considered lucky to get a decision over Victorian Jackie Daniels, 145, at Brisbane in a 12-round bout. Daniels did well in the early rounds, but Delaney finished better.

In a 12-round bout in Melbourne, Bernie Grant, 123½, proved much too good for Eric Macready, 126¼, winning on a knockout in the fourth. The bell saved Macready in the third, and Grant finished him off in the fourth.

Nipper O'Brien, 129, boxed well to get a points decision from Ted Sprouster, 127, at Leichhardt over 12 rounds. At Newcastle, Mickey Anlezark, 129, was too good for Al Lewis, 129, whom he stopped in the second.
AUSTRALIA—Frankie Flannery, 129½, and Roy Treasure, 132¾, put on a grand 12-round bout in Melbourne which ended in a draw. Treasure had the better of things through most of the fight, but a great final round by Flannery made it a draw. Neither fighter is lacking in courage and the will to fight. They blended well and the Stadium patrons were rewarded with one of the best Melbourne fights of the year.

At Brisbane, Johnny Toomey, 146, stopped George Sands, 144½, in seven rounds. A reach advantage was the main reason for Toomey's superiority. He put Sands down for counts of two and nine in the seventh, before the fight was stopped by the referee with Sands in no condition to carry on.

Ken Bailey, 138, showed improved form to stop Mahomet Donnelly in seven rounds at Leichhardt. Bailey put Donnelly down for several counts, proving he is not without a punch.

Dick Turpin, middleweight champion of England, who is likely to be seen in New York soon. He is one of three fighting brothers, and the first Negro to win a British title.

In Newcastle, Darby Brown, 133, knocked out Mickey Anlezark, 129, in ten rounds.

Wrestling matches—Brisbane: Chief Little Wolf drew with Pat Fraley. Newcastle: Chief Little Wolf drew with Seelie Samara, one fall each. Melbourne: Pat Fraley beat Bonnie Muir, who was unable to continue in the seventh. Sydney: Dick Raines beat Chief Little Wolf, two falls to one. Leichhardt (Sydney): Arjan Das beat Leo Jensen in five rounds.

Wrestling bouts—Brisbane: Chief Little Wolf beat Seelie Samara, two falls to one, in the sixth. Melbourne: Chief Little Wolf beat Dutch Hefner, who was disqualified in the seventh. Newcastle: Pat Fraley beat Seelie Samara, who was disqualified in the sixth. Sydney: Dick Raines beat Pat Fraley, who was disqualified in the sixth. Leichhardt (Sydney): Pat Fraley beat Seelie Samara in the fifth. Adelaide: Bonnie Muir beat Dutch Hefner on points, one fall each.

Champions Revive Interest

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Another sector that has been slow in its post-war fistic recovery is Australia, once a prolific producer of outstanding ringmen. Aside from featherweight Eddie Miller, now in Britain, the only fighter Down Under who appears to have the necessary wherewithal to compete with the world's best is Dave Sands, triple holder of the middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight titles of the island continent.

One-fourth aborigine, 22-year-old Sands so completely dominates the opposition in Australia that his bouts are regarded as little more than exhibitions. From an American standpoint two of Dave's outstanding achievements have been quick kayoes of visiting Yanks, Alabama Kid and O'Neill Bell.

There has been some talk of Sands visiting the United States, but so far nothing definite has materialized.

Sands and Miller represent Australia's only serious contributions to the big-time fistic scene at present, though several youngsters—among them flyweight Taffy Hancock, bantamweight Elley Bennett, lightweight Jack Hassen and welterweight Mickey Tollis—look as though they are headed for prominent places in boxing's general scheme of things.

Meanwhile, we could use some ring talent ourselves right now. That's the main problem confronting not only the reorganized 20th Century Club, but the promoters and matchmakers in other major American centers.

There is definitely nothing the matter with boxing that a few good fighters couldn't cure.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

PETE ZADUK of Guelph, Ontario, and George Ross, Canadian Middleweight Champion, fought ten torrid rounds in a non-title bout at Glace Bay, N. S. Moody E. Allen announced Zaduk the winner which brought a vigorous protest from the manager of Ross who demanded a ballot re-count. Later it was announced the decision was a draw. Zaduk lifted Ross clean off the canvas with a terrific uppercut in the second round and through raw courage and fighting instinct, the Canadian Champion managed to lift himself off the canvas at the nine count and finish the remainder of the round in a fog. In the semi-final six-round bout, Charlie Peck, 164, of Louisburg, outpointed Archie Hannigan, 174, of New Waterford.
Red Graham of Halifax caught Bobby Laffin cold with his Sunday punch in 44 seconds of the opening round.
Joltin' Joe Pyle, New Waterford's welterweight, on a campaign for a return shot at George Ross, Canadian Champion, stopped Tommy Spencer, his home town rival, in three rounds at Halifax.
Pyle's two successive knockouts in as many weeks over Roger Whynott and Spencer, is a feat that was not accomplished by any other Maritime ringman. Alvin Upshaw of Halifax outpointed Ian McNeil of Montreal in six rounds. Middleweights.
Dartmouth rivals, Lionel LeBlanc and Bob Ledley, finished all even in an action-packed bout, and Bobby Gammond of Dartmouth chilled Johnny Porter of St. John, N. B., in the second of a lightweight contest.

St. Stephen, N. B.—Art Steeves won a unanimous decision over Billy McLaughlin of Fredericton, in eight rounds.
Gordon Scott and Bobby Greenier battled to a blistering draw in the semi-final. Promoter H. W. Porter.

Bathurst, N. B.—Lloyd Reese suffered head injuries when he was stopped by young Billy Snowball the Chatham lightweight in the feature attraction. Jerry Arsenault, 133, outpointed Tooty Moar in an action-packed semi-final six.

Arnold Fleiger, Chatham middleweight, outpointed Buddy Jones of St. John, N. B., in ten rounds, and scored a second round K.O. over Harry Poulton, P.E.I. welterweight champion. Bill Kavluk, stiff socking Golden Glove middleweight king, stopped Baldy Clamp in two rounds at Kentville, N. S. Keep your eye on Kavluk.

Citizens of Weymouth Falls, Nova Scotia, have named the school the Sam Langford School to perpetuate the memory of Sam Langford who was born at Weymouth, Nova Scotia, and considered by some experts as one of the greatest heavyweights of all time.

Tommy Falls of Liverpool, N. S., Canadian Army heavyweight champion overseas, passed away in a Montreal infirmary from lung congestion.
Will Clarry Harris please contact either the writer or Bobby North, 1585 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Please note Bobby Nunn of Vancouver, B. C. My letter has been returned here with the notation you were not located at 1551 Sherbrooke St. . . . George Ross is in the lumber woods swinging an axe to build up his stamina while Dick Howard, Maritime lightweight champion, will invade New York and Percy Paris, New Glasgow's buzz saw lightweight, will fight around New England rings.

Managers of Maritime fighters, if your fighter is worth a stamp, send us the results of his contests and have it published where it counts most; namely THE RING Magazine.
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Knocking at the Door

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says Bimstein, "and he's getting the knack of slipping blows and twisting and turning his opponents around, something you don't see in many of the youngsters today."

In his last fight, Wagner knocked out Johnny Williams in two cantos.

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WITH promoters hunting so desperately these days for "new faces," unusual interest is being centered in the progress of 21-year-old Maynard Jones, of Wilmington, Del., an overgrown light-heavyweight, who, at the pace he has been moving along, will be right up with the headliners in practically no time. Fast, clever and a thunderous puncher with either hand, Maynard is improving so rapidly that even Bob Ripley would have difficulty believing it.

Maynard isn't exactly a newcomer in this beak-busting industry. Before he went into the Navy in December, 1945, he had done some amateur boxing in and around his native Wilmington, and engaged in a few preliminary professional bouts in Philadelphia and Allentown, but it wasn't until he donned those bell-bottomed trousers of his Uncle Sammy's sea-goers that he really became serious about things. He won the All-Navy heavyweight title in a San Diego, Cal., tournament in June, 1947, and Joe Louis, who saw him in action, became enthusiastic about him.

Since leaving the Navy, Jones has shifted his headquarters to New York, with Jimmy August looking after the training chores. "It isn't often I get excited about a young fighter," says Jim, "but I've never seen anyone learn as fast as Maynard." Nate Wolfson, manager of Joe Baksi, spotted Maynard in one of his gym sessions, and promptly arranged for the youngster to train with Joe Baksi at the latter's Greenwood Lake base. "For a fighter tuning up to meet Ezzard Charles," said Wolfson, "I couldn't find a more ideal sparmate than this kid."

Saddler Pulls a Truman

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Saddler started out with a weapon that spelled doom for his rival and won that session easily. It was a powerful hook to the body that took its toll out of the little title holder shortly after the bout had gotten under way. Added to that was the worry brought on by a bloody nose suffered within a minute after the gong had sounded. Coming so unexpectedly and at such an early period in the mill, it disconcerted the Hartford warrior.

The crowd of 14,688 persons who had paid a gross of $55,571.78 to see the encounter between these star feathers, gave Saddler a rousing welcome after he had scored the knockout. While Pep sat in his corner, gloomy, expressionless, his rival was jumping all over the ring in glee. He was satisfied, and so was Charley Johnston, his manager, that Saddler had answered the ugly rumors of a "fix" in a manner that could leave no doubt in the minds of the scandalmongers.

Sandy had won the highest honors in his division with the power of his fists, the skill of an experienced ringman and the confidence that was in his makeup ever since he hurled the first challenge at the champion many months prior to the Garden contest. He had blasted Willie's jaw with devastating punches—the kind that leave their mark and need no aid via the collusion route. It was Pep's seventh defense of his title, which he won from Chalky Wright.

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PITY that Pep's lone knockout defeat, his only setback at the hands of a boy scaling within his class limit, should come at a time when ugly rumors were floating about to the effect that he would lose in a dishonest battle. That's why, if he had to lose, I was happy to see him belted out of the picture so that the rumor factory brigade would have their arguments knocked into a cocked hat.

Saddler, the new champion, is 22 years old. He was born in Boston and came to New York, where he made his home in Harlem, the Negro section, which has produced many amateur title holders. He won 17 fights in the Police Athletic League before turning pro and then launched his professional career against Earl Roys at Hartford, Conn., on March 7, 1944, and won in eight rounds. In that bout he entered the ring as a substitute and made such a hit that those who watched him predicted a high pro standing for the youth.

A few weeks later he was halted by Jock Leslie, then an outstanding featherweight, but no one has been able to turn the trick on him since. Though he lost several decisions, his performances were outstanding and gained for him considerable praise.

Sandy lost decisions to Lou Alter, Bobby McQuillar, Phil Terranova, Humberto Sierra, and a few months ago to Chico Rosa. That last named fight was staged in Honolulu and was a disputed decision. The majority of the patrons of the club thought that Sandy had won. One judge gave Sandy six points and five to Rosa, while the referee and other judge awarded the decision to Chico.

Saddler may truly be termed an international champion. No boxer in recent years has put away so many title holders of foreign lands as has Sandy. In his tours, he is a reminder of the pre-First World War period when fighters like Jeff Smith, Jimmy Clabby, Eddie McGoorty and Tommy Burns put away the cream of the talent in lands they visited or carried off the decision.

In his travels during the past two years, Saddler has knocked out Miguel Acevedo, champion of Cuba; Jose Diaz, Venezuela title holder; Kid Zefine, champion of Panama; Young Tanner, holder of the crown in Aruba, Dutch West Indies; Orlando Zulueta, Cuban leader; El Baraquito of Caracas, Leonardo Lopez of Mexico and Lino Garcia of Cuba.

He is truly an international title holder.

ADDITIONAL RENO NEWS

RENO'S Dean Hubbard, 165, climbed off the canvas here in the second round, barely beat the doleful decimal, and took a ten-round decision over Roy Voris, 169, of Oakland.

Hubbard's comeback after the fans thought he couldn't beat the count, won him a host of fans and the bout was cheered for several minutes after the final bell.

In the final ten-rounder, Bob Dunlap, Oakland 175-pounder, spilled Hank Thurman, six feet, four inch 190-pounder, for the count in the fourth.

Thurman held Dunlap at bay for three rounds with his superior reach, but when Dunlap found the range he wasn't in the running.

In supporting bouts, Les Eben, Reno Indian southpaw, met his Waterloo when Oscar Penn, muscular Richmond, Calif., Negro, chilled him in 1:45 of the first canto. Two left hooks did the job. The boys are welterweights.

In the opener, Pete Martinez, 121, San Francisco, beat K. K. Garcia of Sparks. The crowd liked this one especially well, although all the bouts were well received. Martinez won the Rollo Casino $25.00 prize as the best preliminary performer.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

POOR attendances have darkened the clubs around the state one by one so that at present only three clubs are keeping the sport alive. These clubs are Bridgeport with Jimmy (Gaspipe) Vaccola and Joe Brady at the helm; Hartford where Gus Browne is making the matches; and New Haven where George Sheppard is holding the fort. These clubs staged an aggregate total of seven shows for the month. The results of these shows were as follows:

Bridgeport Armory — Bernie Reynolds, 183, Fairfield, proved that his previous one-point decision over Roscoe Howard, 212, New York, was no fluke by stopping the burly Negro in the fifth round. Reynolds captured three of the first four heats, the second being even. A left hook at the start of the fifth round caused Howard's knees to sag. Midway in the round Reynolds dropped Howard for an eight count with a well delivered flurry which followed a jarring right to the jaw. A one-two combination spilled Howard seconds later for the count.

George Dunn, 137, Hartford, floored Johnny Wolgast, 136, Philadelphia, with a right cross and then proceeded to give Wolgast a boxing lesson in the eight-round semi-final. Jimmy Beau, 157, Norwalk, belted out Ernesto Amado, 152, Brooklyn, in the third heat of a sixer. Buddy Palmer, 147, Norwalk, decisioned Pete Sevron, 143, El Paso, Texas, in four rounds. A semi-pro bout opened the show.

New Haven Arena—Sandy Saddler, 128, New York, failed to receive a workout from Whistling Willie Roache, 126½, Wilmington, Del., in a tune-up bout for his title joust with Willie Pep in New York. Although Roache was not dropped, he absorbed a terrific beating and was bleeding from cuts inside his mouth when Referee Hughie Devlin intervened in the third round.

Eddie Compo, 131, New Haven, completely lathered Alvardo Estrada, 131, Mexico, in the companion ten-rounder. Compo captured all ten heats while he massaged Estrada with an assortment of left hooks and jabs. There were no knockdowns. Lenny Trader, 150, New Haven, was awarded his six-round bout in the third round when Referee Devlin ruled that Pete Sevron, 146, Mexico, was not trying. Three semi-pro bouts completed the card.

Hartford Auditorium — Frank Vigeant, 147, Thomaston, won the State welterweight title from Joe DiMartino, 152½, Bridgeport, in ten action-filled rounds. DiMartino, the harder puncher, dropped Vigeant with a right uppercut in the fourth round. After taking an eight count Vigeant arose to prove too elusive to be nailed again. Vigeant came back fighting with a two-fisted body attack in the fifth and sixth rounds. In the sixth DiMartino was badly hurt but managed to stay the round on wobbly pins. Referee Joe Currie carded the fight 45-43 in favor of Vigeant and gave him five rounds against four for DiMartino with one being even.

Jimmy Beau, 154½, Norwalk, scored a surprise one-round knockout over veteran Pat Byers, 154, Kannapolis, N. C., in a scheduled sixer. Tommy Bazzano, 148, Middletown, gained a six-round decision over Jimmy Strong, 145, Bridgeport, in a close, hard-fought contest. A semi-pro bout opened the show.

New Haven Arena — Leo Matriciani, 204, Baltimore, won a close hard-fought decision over Bernie Reynolds, 180, Fairfield, in ten rounds before a gathering of nearly 2,000 fans. Matriciani puzzled Reynolds, who was the aggressor, with a long left jab that he kept in Reynolds' features during most of the bout. The jab kept Reynolds off balance. It was Reynolds who scored the only knockdown. A right to the jaw dropped Matriciani for an eight count midway through the fifth round. Referee Billy Taylor scored the fight 46-42 in favor of the Baltimorean and gave Matriciani six rounds to Reynolds' four.

Eduardo Carasco, 132, Peru, won by a technical knockout over Dino Bleta, 130, Canton, O., in the sixth round of the eight-round semi-final. Carasco was ahead at the time. He appeared to have too much ring savvy for his younger foe. Lenny Trader, 156½, New Haven, won in the third round of his sixer when Mike Gillo, 154, New Haven, decided that he had enough. A couple of semi-pro bouts opened the show.

Hartford Auditorium—Willie Pep, 127½, Hartford, won a one-sided ten-round decision over Johnny LaRusso, 134, New York, who was expected to extend Pep in preparation for his title defense against Sandy Saddler. LaRusso threw a half dozen punches in the first round, saw that he couldn't hit Pep, and found that he was a target for Pep's counters. LaRusso must have decided to leave well enough alone and stay away from the sharp-shooting Pep as he did not take up the initiative again. Referee Bill Conway had Pep taking every round for a point total of 50-31.

Wilfredo Miro, 142, Havana, hammered out a six-round decision over Billy Patterson, 146, Long Island City. Billy Kearns, 148, Wethersfield, stopped George Conkley, 145, New York Negro, in the second round of a six spot. Nino Valdes, 202, Havana, drew with Jimmy Freeman, 202½, New York, in another six-heater. A semi-pro bout opened the show. A crowd of 1938 people sat in for the bout and paid a gross gate of $5,257.

Hartford Auditorium—Humberto Sierra, 128½, Miami, won the nod over Alfredo Pescatore, 131, Naples, Italy, claimant of the Italian featherweight title. Pescatore employed rapid retreating tactics. The bout was down for eight rounds.

In the eight-round co-feature, Billy Kearns, 148, Wethersfield, won by a technical knockout after the first round when brother Alberto Pescatore, 153, Naples, Italy, was unable to continue because of a dislocated wrist. The first minute of the fight was a rousing battle as the pair stood toe-to-toe. It was in this exchange that Pescatore was injured. He finished the round using only a pawing left. A six-round bout between Coleman White, 171, Hartford, and Leo West, 166, Albany, was called No Contest after four heats. Charley Lagor, 149, Pawtucket, R. I., kayoed Danny Junior, 146, Springfield, Mass., in the second. Mal Evans, 126, Providence, outclassed Artie Olsen, 121, Utica, N. Y., in the six-round curtain raiser.

A crowd of 713 fans paid a gross gate of $1,098.25.

Bridgeport Armory—Georgie Dunn, 129, Hartford, won a very close ten-round decision over Tomas Beato, 129, Santo Domingo. Beato was dropped for short counts in the fourth and tenth rounds. Referee Lou Bogash called the bout a draw and turned his score card over to State Athletic Commissioner William J. (Billy) Prince. The commissioner tallied the card and found that Bogash had erred in his arithmetic and that Dunn had won by a one point margin. He ordered the decision changed and awarded to Dunn.

Mike O'Dowd, 206, New York, and Bill Bailey, 203, New York, were tossed out of the ring in the second round for lack of action and the bout was called no contest. In another scheduled six spot, Fairest Norman, 148, New York, decisioned Tommy Bazzano, 149, Middletown. Two semi-pro bouts opened the show. A crowd of 697 saw the show.

Here And There Around The State—Georgie Dunn, lithe Hartford Negro lightweight, with three wins under his belt since his return to the ring, is now ready for the best. He beat Luis Ramos, Johnny Wolgast, and Tomas Beato, in his last three outings. . . . Jimmy Beau, 18-year-old Norwalk middleweight, is the best looking prospect in the state at the present time. He did a masterful job in disposing of Pat Byers in one round. . . . Connecticut fans were shocked when the invincible Willie Pep's crown toppled under the explosive fists of skinny Sandy Saddler. A large number of loyal Pep fans made the trip to New York. . . . State Athletic Commissioner William J. Prince raised havoc among the boxers campaigning in the state during the month. He suspended the following as being incapable or for not having given satisfactory performances: Whistling Willie Roache, George Coakley, Leo West, Danny Junior, Mike O'Dowd, and Bill Bailey. . . . With the election of a Democratic governor, Chester Bowles, it is likely that Commissioner Prince will be replaced in January. . . . Billy Kearns, Wethersfield welterweight, has shown oodles of improvement since going under the wing of Bill Gore. The first thing Gore did was to break Kearns' hit-and-hold tactics. . . . Carey Mace, Hartford welterweight, chalked up a couple of wins in his Florida campaign. Mace beat Jack Lisle in Jacksonville and knocked out Billy Louderman in Miami. . . . Two days after the Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler battle in New York, Louis (Kid) Kaplan announced that he was no longer connected with the restaurant which bears his name. Rumor has it that Kaplan lost his interest in the restaurant on the fight. . . . The writer's address is 367 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

WRESTLING bouts held in two cities of this state were successful and met with such approval at Manchester that weekly shows are being presented there at the Recreation Center. As for the other place where the members of the grunt-and-groan industry performed it became too cold to continue at the Notre Dame arena (indoor, but not heated) and the last offering not meeting with the approval of the majority of fans, will make it difficult to run more shows later when a suitable place will be available. The first two shows at Berlin had good name attractions. This first show had Steve Casey, Boston, as the "big" name boy and the second had the spectacular Yvon Robert of Montreal. At this writing the bouts at Manchester are drawing good houses.

New Hampshire fighters are busy conditioning themselves for a busy winter and it looks like most of their fighting will be done in Maine and Massachusetts. Florant Desmarais, 135, and Dom Sinibaldi, 147, both state champions in their respective weights, have been ordered to defend their titles before December 15. A State Athletic Commission ruling states that a champ must defend his championship at least once every six months. Desmarais is from Manchester and Sinibaldi, Berlin.

To close the 1948 season it is expected that three or four shows might be presented by promoters in various parts of down state New Hampshire. For instance, in Manchester, the possibility of at least two shows being staged over there is being considered with Nashua or Keene lining up tentative shows of their own.

"I wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown me during my recent bereavement." (Mrs. Lorette Peloquin, wife of Ralph G. Peloquin, passed away November 2, 1948, at the age of 20.)

The writer's address: 80 Mechanic Street, Berlin, N. H.

RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
By FRANK PENNINGTON

FIGHTING his first main in the Bay Area, J. T. Ross, middleweight kayo artist from San Jose ran up against old man experience in the form of Earl Turner of Richmond and was stopped in the eighth round of a scheduled ten when the commission doctor ruled that cuts over Ross' eyes were at the danger point. This was the first time Ross had ever failed to go the distance in his entire career and he had lost only once before on a close decision. The bout, promoted by Jimmie Dundee and the Oakland American Legion, was a hum-dinger while it lasted and a return go should throw much more into the kitty than the $4800 the fans contributed for this one.

In the semi-windup Bobby Burgess, Vallejo lightweight, won on a T.K.O. over Emil Barao of Oakland. Oscar Penn, 154, San Francisco, stopped Lou Simon, also 154, Oakland, in the second; Chris Clark, 167, Oakland, won over Roy Voris, 170, San Francisco, in four and Tommy Petty, 135, San Francisco, beat Oscar Smith, 137, in the opening four.

Classy Tommy Campbell, 135, now fighting out of Los Angeles but a Chicago lad, added Mexico's Arturo Barron, 141, to a fast rising list of victims when he belted out the chunky little Mexican in the second round of the main event at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium. The fight drew only a small crowd and a $2,700 gate but a little stronger local opponent for Campbell should do plenty of business at the box office.

In a fast four-rounder, Irish Eddie Mullins, 190, San Francisco, and Hank Thurman, 188, San Jose, wound up all even; Woody Winslow, 142, Oakland, won a close decision over Dave Linder, 141, Vallejo, in four; Bobby Cruz, 132, decisioned Mike Martinez, 131, San Jose, in four; Esau Ferdinand, 161, San Francisco, stopped Mick McMullin, 162, Oakland, in the second, and Earl Flynn 146, Daly City, drew with Wehrle Peppers, 143, Oakland, in the four-round opener.

Although aging Earl Turner of Richmond was declared the winner over young Irving Steen of San Diego in the main event at the Oakland Civic Auditorium, the "Earl of Richmond" met some stiff opposition from the southern boy and was even classed as "lucky" by the majority of the $4500 house. Steen had Turner on the floor midway in the tenth round for the only knockdown of the fight but the slim lead built up by the Richmond lad carried him through. Turner came in at 150 and Steen, 145.

Johnny Gonsalves, 139, decisioned Bobby Burgess, 140, in the six-round semi; Frank Buford, 195, won over Chuck Staton, 189; Silent Ramponi, 145, decisioned Al Smith, 139, and Frankie Sequeira, 122, beat Davie Reynosa 123. All were four-round affairs.

New Orleans' Maxie Docusen won his 45th straight fight when he stopped Peewee Swingler of Los Angeles in the fourth round of a tenner at Sacramento's Civic Auditorium. "Little Duke" had all the better of the going, putting Swingler on the floor in the first and swarming all over the southern lad in the second and third.

Meeting pretty stiff opposition in young and aggressive Art Aragon of Los Angeles, Jesse Flores, Stockton's lightweight contender, had to go all out to earn a draw with the latest coast lightweight sensation. It was a fast-moving battle all the way with Flores slowed down somewhat by the extra weight around his middle but showing nothing lost by his recent kayo at the hands of Ike Williams. The house was a slim $5200. Referee "Little" Billy Burke voted for Aragon, one judge marked his card for Flores and the other called it even. Flores came in at 141, Aragon at 136.

Ringside Chatter—Danny "Foul-proof" Jackson, wanted back in Hollywood for another picture, is undecided whether to sell his stable of fighters and return to the cinema city or remain in the fight game. . . . Louie Thomas will be San Francisco's newest promoter, opening the old National Hall after the first of the year.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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new general manager of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club that I will be ready this summer to meet the winner of the Baksi-Ezzard Charles bout in the Garden, or the winner of a fight between the victor of that bout and Gus Lesnevich."

Thus the story released by THE RING, was verified by Joe Louis.

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BUT now comes still another statement by the Brown Bomber. In the articles published in "Life Magazine" and in the "New York Times" and other dailies to which it was syndicated, Joe said:

"There's a lot of talk about my fighting again. I haven't signed any papers to fight and I haven't discussed any terms or opponents with anybody. So far as I'm concerned now, I'm through with fighting except for exhibitions. If some new sensation comes along and if the public wants me to fight again, I'll reconsider my decision. In the meantime, I stand by what I said after the last Walcott fight—"this is the last one."

Since this statement hit the public four weeks after Joe had declared his intention of fighting the Charles-Baksi winner, it appears that the Brown Bomber is taking someone for a ride.

Joe will definitely fight again. Put that in your hat for safe keeping.

As for the latest "sensational story of his life as told to Barney Nagler and Meyer Berger," all of what he told them up to the winning of the title, may be found in my book, "Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber," the first to give full details of the story of the Barrow family in Alabama. (Volume 2 of "Black Dynamite.")

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WITH the rise of Sandy Saddler to the featherweight championship, the Negro race again owns four of the eight world titles in professional boxing. Sandy has joined Joe Louis, heavyweight king; Ray Robinson, welterweight titleholder, and Ike Williams, lightweight champion, as a member of his race to hold a world crown. All of which speaks well of the freedom from race prejudice that boxing enjoys.

A survey of the sport by THE RING shows that almost sixty-five percent of American fighters are of the Negro race and that the best in this country are Negro boys. Negroes play an important part in boxing, more so now than ever, though at one time, during the days of the Horton Law, there were many star pugilists in every class.

The Negro race in one era, boasted of such stars as George Dixon, Joe Gans, Bobby Dobbs, Joe Walcott, Jack Blackburn, Harry Wills, Sam Langford, Jack Johnson, Frank Childs, Dixie Kid, Joe Jeannette, Sam Vey among others. What an array of top flight fighters!

Today, though the calibre of the pugilists is not up to the standard set by these men, the present crop of Negroes rules the roost in American fisticuffs.

The Negroes have acquitted themselves nobly in the art of fisticuffs. The courage, stamina and fighting make-up of the race have been exemplified by their large number of top flight fighters.

JACK O'KEEFE, who started his boxing career as a bantamweight in Illinois and wound up as a welterweight, died in Chicago on October 26 at the age of sixty-four. Jack, who had been ill for a long time, had an excellent record. He was born at Braidwood, Ill., in 1884 and began his fighting as a professional in 1900. Throughout his seven years of ring activity, he faced the cream of the talent, especially in the lightweight and welterweight divisions and came through with many tough victories. He often fought fifteen and twenty round battles.

His best performances were against Dave Barry with whom he drew in 20 rounds; Jimmy Britt, from whom he won on a foul in six rounds and drew in 20; Honey Mellody, who drew with him in 20 and later beat O'Keefe in 10, then stopped him in 14 rounds; Jimmy Gardner with whom Jack drew in 20 rounds and later was stopped in 11 and then in five rounds, and George Elbows McFadden from whom O'Keefe won in eight rounds.

In Rockford, Ill., O'Keefe fought a thrilling contest with Harry Forbes which ended in a 15 round draw. Four months later, Clarence Forbes, eager to take the measure of O'Keefe, tackled him in a 15 round mill and that also ended in a draw. Two months later they again faced each other, this time for 20 rounds and again the decision was even-steven. O'Keefe was a popular fighter in the mid-west.

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ONE of the best books to come to this writer's attention in recent years is "Sport's Golden Age," a fascinating volume covering the period of the fabulous Twenties. Twenty-one of the top reporters have contributed chapters on their specialties and their combined efforts have resulted in an entertaining three or four hours, depending on how long it takes one to read a 296-page book.

Dempsey, Rickard, Ruth, Jones, Tilden, Hitchcock, Man O' War, Sande, Hoppe, Grange, Rockne, Nurmi and Weissmuller are some of the big names which pass in review in this gigantic offering of a period which has never been equaled in athletic history. The book was edited by Allison Danzig and Peter Brandwein of the "New York Times" sports staff and published by Harper & Brothers, New York ($3.95).

We were, of course, most interested in the boxing story, which was written by an old friend, James P. Dawson of the "New York Times." Jimmy had plenty of ground to cover, and cover it he did in a very commendable manner.

I hope we are not accused of being prejudiced when we say that boxing did more than its part to make the Twenties the outstanding sports period of all time. For thrills, color and personalities, there never was a time in the sport equal to the Golden Decade. Dawson, an expert for thirty years, gives you the whole story from personal ringside observation and intimate association with the men whose names will live forever in the history of the prize ring.

There is no question that the battle of the long count was one of the most famous episodes in all sport's history. Another was the sledge-hammer right that Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, landed on Dempsey's jaw to send the famed Manassa Mauler flying out of the Polo Grounds ring. These are but two of the many thrilling incidents of the 1920's that Dawson recounts in his chapter in the book that tells the story of the age of super champions.

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THE Golden Twenties saw the rise of Tex Rickard as the most famous of all sports promoters. Gambler, gold miner, rancher, Tex came to New York to gain a strangle hold on the fight game. It was Rickard who staged the big bouts of the Golden Decade, who put on the first million-dollar fight—the Dempsey-Carpentier battle at Jersey City—who brought society in its carriages to the fight arenas, who paid Gene Tunney the staggering sum of $990,445 as his share of the $2,658,660 gate for the second Dempsey fight at Chicago, who was responsible for the building of the New Madison Square Garden.

Dawson, who was as close to Rickard as any boxing writer ever was, gives a good story of Tex's fabulous career. Through the yarn pass Dempsey, Tunney, Firpo, Jack Sharkey, Georges Carpentier, Benny Leonard, Harry Greb, Mickey Walker, Tommy Gibbons, Battling Siki, Tommy Loughran, Paul Berlenbach, Jack Delaney, Johnny Risko, Mike McTigue, Young Stribling, Tom Heeney, Lew Tendler, Pete Herman, Pancho Villa, Eugene Criqui and Jimmy Wilde.

The fiasco of Shelby, Montana, is told in detail as is the battle of the long count in Chicago's Soldier Field, the build-up of Gorgeous Georges Carpentier, the Orchid Man and Manhassett's man of mystery, the battle of the torrent of rain in Philadelphia's Sesquicentennial Stadium and the abysmal battle of brute force at the Polo Grounds between Dempsey and Firpo.

I think that Jimmy's friends—and he has legions—will get many a chuckle out of his personal experiences while covering fights in the old days. At Shelby he was in danger of having his pocket picked in his hotel room and his description of the situation had us in stitches.

I enjoyed Dawson's contribution in "Sport's Golden Age" because his story brought back memories of an era in boxing that will never be surpassed. I covered all of the events discussed by Jimmy—in fact was with him on all of his fistic assignments, he for the "Times" and I for my paper, the "New York Telegraph," hence I got more of a kick out of his yarn than the average reader might get. But if you are a boxing enthusiast, you'll enjoy reading Jimmy's contribution.

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RUSTY PAYNE, 182, the San Diego dynamiter, scored a knockout over Curtis Sheppard, 193, Camden, N. J., in 1:50 of the ninth round of the scheduled ten-round feature attraction at The Gardens. In this first Rooney-McGinley Club show of the indoor season, Rusty proved definitely that he could "take it" and keep dishing out. After a slow start the wild swinging Hatchet Man floored Payne with a terrific overhand right to the jaw and Rusty was down for nine. But he recovered rapidly and in the sixth he began forging ahead. Short stinging lefts and rights rocked the aging Sheppard and slowed him up considerably. Midway in the ninth a sizzling left hook to the chin dropped the Hatchet Man over the lower strand in a neutral corner and there he was counted out. It took Sheppard's handlers several minutes to bring him around. Ted Crystal veteran local fight handler can take credit for training Rusty Payne for this important contest. Crystal has also done a marvelous job with the local Jackie Armitage who recently scored an upset over Chico Pacheco, Chris Dundee's protege.

In the eight-round semi-final Junior Washington, 163, San Diego, California, southpaw stablemate of Rusty Payne, injured his left hand in the third round but still had enough boxing skill to win the nod over Cleve Bailey, 163, Highland, N. J., in a dull contest.

Johnny Wilson, 188, Camden, N. J., won a split decision over Art Williams, 195, Pittsburgh, in a six-rounder. After a slow start Williams had the contest in the bag but slowed up in the late rounds allowing Wilson to win the verdict.

Chuck Gibbons, 147, Ellwood City, Pa., Fritzie Zivic's latest protege, looked very good in belting out a unanimous decision over Teddy Phillips, 148, Pittsburgh, in a four.

Billy Neumont, 135, Pittsburgh, a Johnny Ray protege, and Johnny Ward, 130, Clairton, Pa., opened the show by fighting four furious rounds to a draw.

Al Gaulteri, Washington, Pa., lightweight, won the unanimous decision over Juste Fontaine of Pittsburgh in the ten-round main event of the opening indoor show at the Aragon Gardens. In one of the wildest brawls ever staged in a local ring Gaulteri mauled and crowded his way to the decision. Fontaine who has been out of action several months, due to a back injury, was unable to cope with Gaulteri's style of fighting and when he did throw his once potent left hook, the zip was not there. Local scribes have written finis to the young Frenchman's career but the writer does not consider a brawl such as this fight a fair example to count Juste out on. Both boys resorted to everything in the book and after warning the contestants repeatedly, Referee Ernie Sesto let things take their course. Al Gaulteri weighed 136, Juste Fontaine 137.

An interesting feature of this bout saw Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion, in Gaulteri's corner and Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight champion, seconding Fontaine.

Bobby Neal, 148, Beaver Falls, Pa., scored an easy one-sided victory over Bill Cassity, 146, Charleston, W. Va., in the six-round semi-final.

Joe Modzele, 170, New Kensington, Pa., won a split verdict over Jimmy Moore, 163, Huntington, W. Va., in another six. Moore proved to be a surprise package and Modzele had to hustle all the way to win the nod.

Chuck Gibbons, 147, Ellwood City, Pa., went to work early with a two-fisted attack to the head of Willie Guy, 149, New Kensington, Pa., and won by a T.K.O. after 2:22 of round one. Gibbons dropped Guy with a flurry of punches and as Willie regained his feet in an unsteady manner at the count of nine, the referee wisely halted the contest.

Lucky Green, 165, Pittsburgh, won the decision over Tommy Carlin, 164, Pittsburgh, in the four-round opener.

This show was the first indoor presentation by Promoter Jack White. The presentation was a sell-out.

Cliff Hart from Syracuse, N. Y., welterweight protege of Chris Dundee, can come back to Pittsburgh any time as far as the Aragon fight fans are concerned. Hart scored a sensational one-round T.K.O. over Rudy Zadell of Akron in the scheduled ten-round main event on Promoter Jack White's second indoor show at the downtown arena. Hart, a student at Syracuse University, showed amazing punching power by dropping the rugged Zadell three times for eight counts before Referee Buck McTierman wisely intervened after only 1:56 of the initial round. Cliff Hart weighed 146; Rudy Zadell 146.

Ike Stevenson, 148, Akron, Ohio, kayoed Henry Smith, 153, Charleroi, Pa., midway in round four of the scheduled six-round semi-final.

Calvin O'Neal 141, Pittsburgh, scored a knockout over Clay Milliron, 143, Akron, Ohio, in 2:05 of the fourth and final round. In another scheduled four-rounder, Richard Tee, 164, Pittsburgh, opened a cut on the forehead of Mike Dee, 163, Pittsburgh, in the second round and the referee halted the contest awarding Tee the T.K.O. victory.

Johnny Ward, 132, Clairton, Pa., won a split decision over Billy Neumont, 135, Pittsburgh, in a four, the only bout on the card, incidentally, which went the distance.

In the scheduled four-round opener, Jimmy Smith, 175, Pittsburgh, scored a T.K.O. over Eddie Cross, 175, Pittsburgh, in the closing seconds of the final round.

Sonny Hampton, 140, clever, two-fisted lightweight from Buffalo, N. Y., delighted the fans at the Aragon Gardens by decisively defeating local Sammy Mastrean, 144, in the ten-round feature attraction. Hampton, a terrific puncher, with either hand kept Mastrean off balance for the greater part of the contest. Mastrean could not get started against the ring-wise Sonny who diversified his attack with a deadly left hook to the body and a hard right cross to the jaw. Sammy is quite a puncher himself but just couldn't get set to tee off on the elusive Negro boy. It was a very fast and interesting contest.

Bobby Neal, 148, Beaver Falls, Pa., protege of Eddie Yarosz, was at his best in winning the unanimous decision over Ernest Rowell, 143, Cleveland, Ohio, in the six-round semi-final. A hard right to the jaw dropped Rowell for an eight count in the fifth.

In another scheduled six, Calvin O'Neal, 145, Pittsburgh, thoroughly outclassed Isaac Kequem, 149, Cleveland, Ohio, Indian. After absorbing considerable punishment Kequem went down for an eight count in the second round and as he arose unsteadily, Referee Freddie Mastrean halted the bout, awarding O'Neal the T.K.O. victory.

Johnny Paoletti, 144, Akron, Ohio, won the unanimous verdict over Charlie Wright, 137, Pittsburgh, in a four-rounder. Paoletti floored Wright three times for eight counts in the final round.

Paul DeLucca, 130, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Jimmy Murphy, 136, Pittsburgh, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

This show was Promoter Jack White's third consecutive sell-out.

A Correction

In the November RING, mention was made of Horace Herring being the U. S. Olympic flyweight representative. Frank Sodano of Philadelphia represented the U. S. in that division, and he, not Herring, should have been so listed.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

WALTER HAFER, the Washington, D. C., heavyweight, pulled the surprise of the year at Music Hall on the night of October 18 when he stopped Jo Weidin, the Austrian invader, in the ninth round. Weidin was out in front at the conclusion of the match insofar as points won was concerned. The bout was halted when Weidin's eye, cut in the middle rounds, bled profusely. Both weighed over 200 pounds and Hafer was knocked down twice.

In the estimation of the writer, Weidin is one of the best all-around heavyweights seen around here in years. The big kid can box, is fast and can punch like a mule. Watch for this kid—Weidin has great possibilities.

Jack Dempsey was the added attraction to the Benny and Sam Becker promoted program, which drew a gross of $10,365, net $8,089, and 2,709 paid admissions. Recheck showed over 3,000 admissions were on hand.

The supporting matches were very good. Joe Discepoli, 134, knocked out Stan Hartman, Van Wert, O., featherweight, in three; Bud Edmerson won from Charlie Scott in six rounds, lightweights; Bud Turner knocked out Frazier Moore in four rounds of a middleweight bout, and Tim Bothra stopped Don Smith in two rounds. The latter are 160-pounders.

At Columbus, O., on October 20, Babe Amos, Detroit, 173½, pulled a surprise by holding 181½-pound Alabama Kid to a ten-round draw.

Jess Underwood, 128, of Huntington, W. Va., proved too fast and elusive for Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, 128 pounds, in their ten-round match at Louisville, Ky., on October 26, with the West Virginian copping a unanimous verdict.

Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati's No. 2 light-heavyweight, punched out a .500 percentage during the past few weeks. In Chicago on October 11, Gibson lost to Sylvester Perkins in ten rounds. Gibson weighed 168 pounds, nine more than Perkins. On November 1 at Washington, D. C., Lloyd gained a disqualification win from Archie Moore of St. Louis. Gibson won on a foul, Moore being disqualified for hitting low.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—Pat Thurkettle, Toledo, O., promoter, has leased the spacious Toledo, O., Sports Arena for a series of shows which will extend into 1949 . . . . Morrie Salzer did eight G's with the return match in Denver between Eddie Marotta and Corky Gonzalez . . . . this is a great featherweight town . . . . Jackie Solomons, South African lightweight, who has been campaigning in the States under Joe Basco, has returned to his homeland—homesickness . . . . Billy Conn-Ezzard Charles match for June, 1949, in the Crosley ball park is the latest rumor around here . . . . Bob Bacigalupo, Cincinnati sportsman and merchant, is the new boxing head of the A.A.U. in Cincinnati . . . . my 1949 boxing promoters' and managers' Guide, in which 1001 promoters and managers are listed, will be ready at this writing at one buck a throw . . . . my fight flash monthly service at one dollar per year is available to promoters and managers who wish this year around service and fight resume . . . . address me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, O. . . . . in closing, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBLINGS
By CY RICHARDS

IN the Southwest, Maurice LaChapelle, "Bulldog" Clements, Mike London, Bob Cummings, Davelis Kostas, and Whitey Walberg are among the outstanding junior heavyweight wrestlers thrilling mat fans in the atomic state at the present time.

Albuquerque plays host to weekly cards staged at the La Loma Ballroom with the promotion by the 20-30 Club headed by George Valliant, Jr. Albuquerqueans are responding well to the good cards being presented.

Other towns in New Mexico sponsoring weekly grappling cards include historic Santa Fe and Roswell.

"Gorilla" Poggi, veteran grappler, well known throughout the U.S.A., is now making Albuquerque his home.

Tom Zaharias, youngest member of the notorious Pueblo, Colo., Greek family of wrestlers, is promoting weekly wrestling cards at Mammoth Gardens in Denver. Tarzan White, Bob Corby and the Cardiff Giant are topping the cards in the Mile High City at the present.

Jimmy Ray of Omaha, former mat star, who toured with Cole Bros. Circus for several years and a veteran wrestling promoter, recently appeared on a Denver card and was disqualified in his bout with Danny Loos and then was tossed by Dick Hatcher. Last winter Ray directed mat cards in Sioux Falls and Rapid City, S. D.

Other Colorado towns playing host to weekly mat cards are Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

Morris Salzer brought boxing back with a bang with his outstanding professional boxing cards at Denver. Here's a vote Corky Gonzales be named Rocky Mountain featherweight champion.

MAKING THE GRADE—Grant Butcher, light-heavyweight on the recent U.S.A. Olympic team, hails from the small town of Newcastle in northern Wyoming.

According to Bob Lowry and Bill Kubichek, athletic officers of the Casper, Wyo., American Legion Post, the second annual Wyoming state ring tourney will be held in February, although definite dates have not been set. The first statewide tourney held last winter was an overwhelming success. Mat cards are being staged at Worland, Rock Springs, Rawlins and Casper, Wyo.

Wrestling heads the ring news up in Montana with Jerry Meeker of Great Falls at the helm. Cards featuring two bouts are held at the Billings, Mont., Arena every week.

This is the initial offering of "Rocky Mountain Ramblings," and officials of either boxing or wrestling are urged to send in the results of ring activity in any part of the Rocky Mountain empire to this column for publication in THE RING, boxing's best buy!

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TROY, N. Y., FISTIC NEWS
By TED BAYLY

JOE DANOS, handsome blond welterweight imported to Troy by the way of Denver, eked out a unanimous 10-round decision over plucky Frankie Cordino, Paterson, N. J., to open the indoor season in Troy. Danos' edge came on superior punching power, a steady right hand jab and his ability to take Cordino's best shots without flinching. In contrast, the sharp-hooking southpaw had the New Jersey fighter's knees wobbly at times but failed to follow his advantage.

A new crowd-pleaser appeared on the local fight scene in the person of Wayne Strowbridge of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Strowbridge gained the unanimous decision over Whitey Cozy, veteran New Britain, Conn., middleweight. The 19-year-old Westerner took charge in the first round and continued to give Cozy a boxing lesson throughout the six-round semi-final bout.

Other results on the card: Jimmy Malatino, 134½, Troy, displayed unusual punching power to kayo Norman Hill, 136, Chicago, in the fifth round of the six-round special event; Bob Cedar, 153, Troy, decisioned Bob Franklin, 148, Albany, in four; Danny Carter, 140, Troy, was kayoed in the second round by Johnny Hicks, 140, Albany.

Charles Nunnally (St. Paul), 178, Springfield, carried too many guns and too much class for Norman Hawes, 182, Albany newcomer, and knocked out the wild swinging Albany fighter in the fourth round of a ten-rounder at Troy's LaSalle gym.

In the six-round semi-windup, Wayne Strowbridge, good looking Colorado middleweight now fighting out of Troy, scored an impressive win over Jim Barnett of Springfield, Mass.

Other bouts on the card saw Verne Roman, 165, Albany, outpoint Leo West, 165, Albany, in a wild four-rounder; Johnny Hicks, 148, Albany, kayoed Ted Jordan, 153, Troy, in two rounds; Danny Carter, 141, Troy, stopped George Kokely, 139, Albany, in the second round; and Danny Junior, 153, Springfield, outpointed Bob Franklin, 158, Albany, in the four-round opener.

Wayne Strowbridge fought a six-round draw with Al Streety at Syracuse. . . . Tony DiMiccio, Troy middleweight, lost a close ten-rounder to the highly-touted Lee Sala at Toledo. . . . Joe Danos, Troy, 150-pounder, is back in training after a short lay-off. . . . Danny Carter, stablemate of Danos, has shown much improvement since he began training a month ago. Danny won several amateur tournaments while in the army. . . . Buddy Clayton, veteran Albany manager, has a number of new fighters working out in the Albany gym.

For information on boxing in this vicinity, write to Ted Bayly, P.O. Box 97, Troy, N. Y.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

VALLEY ARENA, Holyoke, Mass. — Billy Grant of Orange, N. J., won a unanimous decision over Georgie Kochan of Akron, Ohio, in a ten-round main bout. Jimmy Parlo of Middletown, Conn., won the unanimous decision over Eddie Richardson of Newark, N. J., in a six-round semi-final. Mortimore Latimore of Jersey City, N. J., flattened Whitey Cosey of New Britain, Conn., in the fifth round. Norman Hill of Springfield, Mass., knocked out Alfred James of New York, N. Y., in the fourth round. Harry Alberts of Middletown, Conn., won a five rounder over Fred Torine of Holyoke, Mass.

Heywood Wornum of Boston, Mass., won a ten-round decision over the favorite, Otis Graham of Philadelphia, Pa., in a good scrap. In the semi-final, Joe Dominick of Holyoke, Mass., heavyweight, knocked out Henry Lewis of Paterson, N. J., in the first round. Johnny Woods of Boston, Mass., won a six-round split decision over Bucky Slocum of Philadelphia, Pa. Johnny Scott of Holyoke, Mass., won a five-round decision over Frankie Martin of Boston, Mass. In the opening bout of five rounds, Bob Jefferson of Newark, N. J., won over Billy Joyce of Boston, Mass.

Next summer there will be two outdoor clubs in West Springfield, the Century Stadium and the Riverside Park Bowl, under Eddie Carroll.

Baron Cohen is the matchmaker for the Valley Arena, Holyoke, Mass. Oreal Rainault is the promoter. Joe DeMaria the busy bee of boxing in this end of the state, has been doing a good piece of work.

Vito Tallarita, the GI who has been doing so well in Thompsonville, Conn., with the semi-pros, will be at the helm next summer.

St. Paul of Springfield, Mass., stopped Norman Hawes in the fourth in Troy, N. Y. Hawes used the name of John Thomas, but was found out by the officials.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

DANNY MARTIN, Newark, middleweight, was no match for Tommy Bell, high-ranking welter, and was stopped in the tenth round.

Martin was removed to the hospital after the K.O. but recovered.

Dolly Searle, Rhody's outstanding referee, was elected town treasurer of East Providence. Dolly will shortly retire from his refereeing duties but will act in another capacity with the boxing board.

Larry Martin, popular sports-caster, interviews boxing managers and fighters every Monday after the weighing-in.

Jackie Weber is being trained by Bill Gore and works out with Willie Pep and his stablemates at Hartford. Jackie made a hit at Madison Square Garden beating Johnny LaRusso.

Steve Marcello, promising lightweight, beat Tony Ducharme in a lulu.

George Araujo, belting Fox Point feather, has kayoed seven opponents. Kenny Adams is a good prospect. Kenny has won four straight here.

Greg Poulos, hard-hitting light-heavy, managed by Nick Landi, shows promise.

Sandy McPherson, Larry McManus's heavyweight hopeful, scored a win over Ted Lowry. Charley Cabey Lewis beat Jose Baby Gonzales.

FROM PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI
By LOUIS J. ULYSSE

ON October 8 last, Omelio Agramonte, Cuban, heavyweight champion of Mexico, Cuba and Haiti, weighing 183, was given a hard bout before gaining a points decision over Johnny Bullet, American heavyweight, weighing 192, in ten rounds.

In the semi-windup, Black Bill, Dominican Republic, weighing 170, won the unanimous decision in a ten-round bout with El Zurdo Moreno Coco, Cuban, scaling 165.

In the six-round event, Kid Mirabeau, Haitian, weighing 140, won the unanimous decision over Joe Archibald, Cuban, 137.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP
By CHARLEY PARISH

FOUR Scandinavian victories were registered before a packed house in Copenhagen's K.B.-Halle. Best bout of the night was the welterweight clash between Yrjoe Piitulainen, the speedy Finn, and the Belgian, Jo Goreux. Piitulainen gave a fine display of the classic style and won a well-earned verdict over the crouching Belgian. Big Carl Nielsen won an eight-round tussle with Robert Eugene and Aage Christensen, the Danish cruiser, battered Jean Declercq to the canvas in the fourth round. In the opening bout, Danish feather, Viggo Fredriksen, won over Pierre Paul.

Two new French champions were crowned in Paris in one evening when young Jean Stock stopped Luc Krawczyk in the tenth in the middleweight class, while Jean Walzach reversed two previous decisions in stopping Omar Kouidri in six rounds for the welterweight title previously held by Robert Villemain. Stock, a powerful 24-year-old stevedore, who comes in with both hands, found in Krawczyk, a Franco-Pole, an equally rugged adversary and went down for a count of eight in the first round.

In the ninth he was still on the floor when the gong sounded but in the tenth round, Stock made short work of the Pole and the referee stepped in to stop the slaughter.

At Barcelona, Luis Romero, the Spanish bantam champion, forced Theo Medina to retire in the sixth round.

In Brussels, the Dutch middleweight, Luc van Dam, stopped Giovanni Manca of Italy in six rounds.

Robert Villemain, the European welter king, paid a visit to Lisbon to score a points victory over Verdinelli of Italy. Villemain is still complaining of trouble with his jaw, which suffered damage in his bout with Eric Boon.

Olle Tandberg, the Swedish heavyweight, displayed his wares for the first time in Europe since his American tour. His opponent was the Italian, Mentmore Mazzall, whom he forced to retire in the seventh round at Gothenburg. In other bouts, the brilliant Finnish featherweight, Elis Ask, won a grand points victory over the Swiss, Sigi Tennebaum. The latter took eight trips to the canvas, including five counts in the tenth and last round.

Heavyweight Nisse Andersson drew with Ken Shaw of Scotland and cruiserweight Olle Bengtsson won over the Frenchman, Eugene Leclercq.

At the Mutualite in Paris, Andre Famechon fought a tame battle with Franck Hermal, the young lightweight, who has made good progress in the last year. Famechon took the nod. The bantams, Camille Dormont of France and Timo Cardinale of Italy, fought to a split decision.

Unruly scenes took place in Berlin when the middleweight championship bout between Carl Schmidt and Rudi Pepper was declared a draw. After a small riot, the crowd being in favor of Pepper, a no-decision verdict was given.

In the international heavyweight competition held in Brussels, kayoes were the order of the day. It appears that most European heavies can dish it out, but cannot take it where it hurts most. The so-called "Danish Mountain," Carl Nielsen, handed a vicious lacing to Belgian heavy, Gilberto, who threw up his hands in surrender in the second round. Stefan Olek flattened Al Scohy of Belgium in the same time, while another Frenchman, Gabriel Bigotte, stopped the Czech champion, Behounek, in one frame.

Belgian title holder Pit Wilde won over Al Coulbally of Morocco, and another Belgian, Robert Eugene, stopped his compatriot, Jacquemain, in the first.

Paco Bueno of Spain won on points over Jean Declercq of Belgium, and the only American on show, Aaron Wilson, stopped Smardz of Poland in the second.

The Austrian, Kurt Schiegl, stopped in the third round the aspirations of the Dutch champion, Jan Klein. All bouts were scheduled for six rounds, with the winners to clash again a week later.

Tiberio Mitri, the stylish Italian middleweight king, upset the plans of Laurent Dauthuille, who is now in America, by winning over the Frenchman in their Parisian encounter. The bout was Dauthuille's last before leaving France for an extended tour of Canada and the States under Max Waxman's and Jack Dempsey's direction. Mitri was slightly the favorite with the experts by reason of his victory over Jean Stock, the new French champion, with whom Dauthuille fought a draw last summer.

Mitri has succeeded in establishing himself as a leading contender for the European title left vacant by Marcel Cerdan, and will probably meet Van Dam or Delannoit in a title match shortly.

At Copenhagen, young Asger Warburg reestablished himself with the Danish fans by whipping Antonio Iturbe of Spain. The Spanish lightweight gave up at the end of the third round.

Another lightweight bout saw the fleet and foxy Dane, Hirsch Demsitz, box rings around Louis Orsini of France to gain the nod. Joergen Johansen won over Mokhfi, the North African lightweight, and cruiserweights Christophersen and Douwe Bakker fought a mauling draw contest.

In Berlin, Hein ten Hoff, the heavyweight champion, won a disappointing ten-rounder over Kleinholdermann in the pouring rain. Fans in Leipzig saw lightweight champion Herbert Nuernberg draw with Heinz Sander in a title clash.

HERE AND THERE—Two of the Famechon family, Andre and Emile, are taking a trip to Australia this month, which is causing a headache to Parisian promoters . . . . Nat Fleischer's monthly ratings are quoted in all sports papers in Europe and his editorials commented on.

The writer of this column can be located at 47 Pevensey Road, St. Leonard's on Sea, Sussex, England, and information desired will be gladly furnished.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

THE question of who is the featherweight champion of the Philippines was settled definitely when Tirso del Rosario, featherweight champion, outpointed Speed Cabanela in their second encounter at the Rizal Coliseum staged by Major Telesforo Tenorio of the Police Department for the MPD Athletic fund. Referee Al Cante and Judge Arsenio Lacson voted for Tirso and Carlos Garcia, former boxer, called it a draw. Tirso was aggressive throughout. In the fifth Cabanela sustained a cut on the left eye. Tirso received a Golden belt donated by Zamora & Sons and this was presented by Pacita Francisco, popular screen and stage actress.

Tim Ramos, logical contender for the flyweight championship, made a big surprise when he knocked out Little Dundee in the 7th of a scheduled ten-round bout. Dundee was leading by a wide margin when a stiff right to the chin and a left to the pit of the stomach spelled his doom. Star Naven knocked out Enriquez Junior in the third round. Little Brown, a promising flyweight and protege of Capt. Randall of Luzon Stevedoring Co. badly outpunched Roy Junior, who outweighed him by seven pounds. Terrible Garcia outboxed Fighting 69 in four. Rusty Ginete and Eden Kid drew in four.

Mike Dempsey may not be the fighter he was a few years ago, but he is still a dangerous man for a few rounds, as Little Nene discovered at Calapan Stadium under the promotion of your correspondent under the auspices of Calapan Puericulture Center. Dempsey at 128, to Nene's 126, came out fast and pegged everything he had at the Lubang flash in the first round. In the third round Dempsey fought desperately to land his haymaker but Nene fought a smart heady battle. Three lefts and a right to the chin doomed Dempsey. He was stopped in two minutes of that round.

Baby Chocolate, bantam champion of Romblon and Young Balbin of Ilocano region staged the best fight of the evening. This was a give-and-take affair from the first round until the sixth.

Star Talisay proved no match for the fast stepping Larry Junior. He received a left to the pit of the stomach followed with a right cross to the chin in the seventh round and it was all over.

Anong Junior was knocked out in the third by Terrible Garcia. Baby Rosenberg of Bataan made short work of Star Gorio in the second round.

Cabra Boy of Calapan, Mindoro, badly outpointed Maxie Villa of Laguna in four. Nene received a trophy donated by Provincial Governor Conrado Morente of Mindoro which was awarded by Mayor Filemon Samaco of Calapan.

Star Gony is latest boxing sensation of Cagayan, Misamis, the home town of Star Frisco, former world bantamweight contender.

Star Misamis, former light and welter champion of the Philippines, defeated Kid Independence, contender for the featherweight championship of the country. The fight took place at the Auditorium of Ateneo de Cagayan in connection with the town celebration.

Little Dundee, flyweight title holder, knocked out Tannery Boy in the fourth round of their ten-round main event. Tannery took a seven count in the second round and received the full count in the middle of the fourth.

Kid Nacionalista, veteran bantam, outpointed Johnny Jumawas, bantamweight champion of Quezon Province in eight rounds. Fighting Linda of San Pablo and conqueror of Anong Jr. and Tony Salvador, drew with Little Benny of Malate in six.

Tiger Flores, 112, from Malabon, knocked out Cunning Garcia of Quezon Province in four rounds at Binangonan, Rizal.

Anong Junior won the nod over Dommy Enrile of Sampaloc in ten. Joe Bantayan of Manila badly outpointed Star Julian of Morong in eight. Fighting Gorio outboxed Maxie Villa in six. Smart Agor decisioned Max Florentino in four.

Tim Ramos, newly-crowned flyweight champion of the Philippines, knocked out Puyas Boy in the third round. Baclaran Square Garden. Baby Mortell, the Baclaran Flash, won easily over Young Sencio of Manila in six. Florence Rivera of Dongalo and Rush Eddy, Boy Brooks' protege, fought on even terms in four. Little Mendoza of Paranaque and Alfred Cruz drew in 4. Pan Rodriguez knocked out Max Garcia in 3.

Baby Chocolate knocked out Star Salvador in the 5th round. Berting Junior won the nod over Speed Salvador in 8. Baby Rosenberg deposed Young Billy in 3. Rodrigo Vidao won over Little Gusi in 4. Tony Espinosa decisioned De Jesus in 4. Fighting Mortell drew with V. Amar in 4. Little Cesar and Diego Monsales fought on even terms in 4.

Baby Chocolate, 122-pounder, did not have a hard time in disposing of Young Tommy in the second round at Park Stadium, Calapan, Mindoro, under the promotion of your correspondent. This was the third meeting of the two with Tommy having two wins over the veteran Chocolate at Laguna Province. Before the end of the first Baby downed Tommy with a left below the belt. Tommy was given ample time to recover. Tommy was weakened by the low blows.

Young Tolentino of Naujan, Mindoro, badly outpointed Fighting Casanova of Batangas in 6. Casanova fought bravely but he was handicapped by seven pounds which proved too much for the veteran fighter of the Batangenos. Young Belly lost to Star De la Cruz of Pantalan, Mindoro, in 6.

Kid Tamaraw of Mindoro High School knocked out Adamson Kid from Adamson University of Manila in the 3rd round. Cabra Boy won over Bicol Boy in 4. Kid Arching beat Baby Montojo in 4. Abing Fernandez, the superintendent of the Non-Christian Tribes of Mindoro, had been the partner of your correspondent for this fistic show.

COVERING CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

MORON—Luis Fuentes, 112¼, Cuban flyweight champion, won a close split tenner from Black Pico, 114, after a terrific battle that could have been called either way.

In another ten-rounder, Diego Sosa, 125, won a close verdict from Battleship Martinez, 123½, that also had the fans on their feet most of the time.

Havana—The Spanish champion, Abd Ben Buker, 148½, was the victim of another poor decision when he only received a draw for his efforts after ten speedy rounds with Phil Burton, an American Negro. The invader weighed 144½. One of the judges voted for Buker, the other two officials voted for a draw.

Promising Raoul Perez, 144¾, stopped Brazilian Jack Broderone, 145¼, in the seventh. Fernando Amante won a disputed eight-rounder from Carlos Carrillo (bantams), and in the preliminaries, Julio Maceo, 145, won from Luis Gonzalez, 150, and Francisco Tosar, 108½, won also in four from Lazaro Mazorra, 108½.

Havana—The former lightweight king, Kid Bururu, 135, was held to a ten-round draw by Tito Soria, 136, former feather champion from Argentina.

Tomas Vega, 111¾, was lucky to receive credit for a T.K.O. over Amado Mir, 110¾, when an ugly gash in the left eye caused the referee to stop their sensational contest in the period between the fourth and fifth rounds. Other bouts: Humbert Monier, 135¼, won in six from Joe Elejalde, 131¼; Hermes Torres, 124½, drew in six with Ed Menendez, 124½, and Orlando Hechevarria, 118¾, won from Jack Ursulino in four.

Havana—Abd Ben Buker, 146¾, won his most important battle when he won the unanimous verdict over Doug Ratford, 142½, after ten rounds. Buker downed the highly rated American in the second, and almost stopped him in the tenth.

Jesus Vila, 159, won a 12-rounder from Marcelino Armenteros, and along with the verdict went the middleweight title of Cuba.

Reginald Valdes, 126½, won an eight-rounder from Pepe Diaz, 128¼, and Gus Ramos, 126, won from Floro Hita in the six-rounder that opened the program. Hita weighed 125½.

Moron—Kid Bururu, 135, former lightweight champion, lost a close ten-rounder against Miguel Mendivil, Luis Godoy protege, who weighed the same as the Kid. In another ten-rounder, Lino Garcia, 126, was held to a draw by Battleship Martinez, 123½.

Havana—Raoul Perez, 145, won an easy ten-rounder from Jose Garcia-Alvarez, 146, former welterweight champion of Spain. Eligio Alvarez, 124, won the eight-round semi-final from Curo Villa, 126. Antonio Espino, 118¼, drew in eight with Alonso Pages, 115; Tony Casas, 174¼, stopped Idalberto Vizcay, 171½, in the second; and Pablo Rodriguez, 127¾, drew with Gerard Veloz, 124½, in four.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

THIS column, for one, believes the switch made by Tommy DeTardo from boxing manager to fight promoting is of tremendous help to the sport along Miami's bash boulevard where Tommy rates popular honors by all. We're confident DeTardo will help place the game on a new high for he's the type of a gentleman who has a great love and respect for boxing. The best of luck to him.

Humberto Sierra of Cuba, a top featherweight contender, overcame another hurdle at the Biscayne Arena when he took all three votes and the ten-round decision from Lino Garcia, also of Cuba. Sierra decked his man in the first chapter with a left to the head and enjoyed a fiesta in the sixth. Sierra tipped 128½ and Garcia, 125¾.

A ten-round win for Snooks Howard, Charlotte lightweight, over Mario Coll, Havana, and a 10-round draw between featherweights Orlando Fernandez and Ralph Ferrara, plus a four-rounder won by Joe Brunwasser over Roy Starr completed Promoter Tommy DeTardo's Miami program.

Jumping Joe Green, 152, promising Asheville Negro middleweight, took a ten-rounder from Dave Clark, 156, Cincinnati boxer, in Joe's home town. By doing so, Green got revenge for a six-round kayo suffered at Clark's hands in the latter's back yard previously. In the last round of an eight-round semi, Corky Callahan T.K.O.'ed Ralph Atkins in a middleweight go. Corky led the fight all the way and had Atkins down in the seventh. Another affair ending in the last round found Charlie Porter, 136, scoring a T.K.O. in the sixth over Joe Adams. Sammy Tuck, 159, knocked out Red Lanning, 161, in the second heat. The opening fight had Ray Lancaster, 116, winning a four-rounder from Bert Callahan.

Your RING reporter conducted a poll before home town fight fans (Jacksonville) to decide whether Florida boxing would benefit by a state boxing commission. This survey was made after word from Florida's Governor-elect Fuller Warren requesting pro and con analysis. The fans responded well. Practically every letter and card were for the State supervision, mainly because of the existing condition of the sport in our city. Joe Livingston, the Jacksonville *Journal* Sports Editor, in which paper your reporter conducts a boxing column, loaned capable assistance.

We hear the Miami Biscayne Arena is no more a fight spot and that Tommy DeTardo, who held several shows there is now putting them on in Dave White's Causeway Arena in downtown Miami. Dave runs on Monday nights and Tommy on Wednesdays. . . . Natie Brown, former heavyweight contender, has had three bouts in Georgia and Tennessee since July 8th. Natie scored a one-round kayo in Macon, Ga., on that date. Then on the 16th, same month, he beat Hal Moore in ten rounds in Atlanta. Trekking to Chattanooga, Tenn., Brown scored a six-round kayo. Fit for a Ripley "Believe It Or Not" is this one. Brown broke his hand in that first mentioned fight (Macon), with the first punch, in the first minute, in the first round.

Billy Kinard, crowd-pleasing middleweight, scored a seven-round kayo over Al Young, of Savannah, Ga., in the feature bout in Orlando. Hal Patterson, 152, Lake Mary, kayoed Hal Johnson, 152, Jacksonville, in the second heat. Roger Crocker, 133, Lake Mary, decisioned Jack Emanuel, 133, Orlando, in four rounds. Bobby Reaves, 144, Lake Mary, T.K.O.'ed Ferrell Mobley, 145, Orlando, in three heats. The winners are of the H. H. Grier stable of Lake Mary.

Big Bill Wilson, popular heavyweight from Hickory, N. C., scored a four-round knockout over the touted Fidel Arciniega, of Spain and Daytona Beach, Florida. Although Wilson had it easy all the way, dealing out some heavy blows, practically everyone disliked the manner of Arciniega's resting out the "ten count." The Spaniard failed to display any of his build-up.

The best of the night had Jack Lisle, 147, Savannah fireman, come out a six-round winner over W. H. Bennett, Jacksonville, 150-pounder. Plenty of punching in this one. It was Lisle's first showing here. Herman Harris, 170, stopped Warren Gilbert, 185, in the second round of a Negro go. Eddie Outlaw, 155, and Johnny Burt, 165, fought to a four-round draw. Mickey Dunn, 142, beat Walter Longine, 146, in four. Tim Higginbotham, 128, T.K.O.'ed Carter Rose, 128, in the fourth. This was a Jacksonville show.

For a spell, Miami boxing fans were seeing the almost unbelievable picture of Jimmy Curl hitting the deck three times in the first round, a feat accomplished by Johnny Rosado, of San Diego, Cal. But the picture wasn't as bright in the second round when Curl found the mark with a hard left to Rosado's mid-sector that sent the Westerner through the ropes where he was counted out by Referee Cy Gottfried. Curl, from San Antone, Texas, tipped 164¾, to Rosado's 158½.

Forrest "Fist" Dever, Grand Rapids 153-pounder, gained a narrow ten-round split decision over Hal Meredith, a Macon, Ga., lad weighing 146½. Another close bout saw Billy Lima, 120, take an eight-rounder from Auggie Yarratt by a split call. Jake Smith, Hialeah 137½-pounder, T.K.O.'ed Tony Foto of New Orleans, 137½, in three. Miami boxing secretary-director Billy Regan informs that Foto is being retired from boxing for his own good.

Joe Harrington (Dufflebag) Duffy is managing the best card in Jacksonville, Toby Reid, formerly of Richmond and Norfolk, Va. Duffy's charge has six kayoes in six starts since moving to the Florida city several months ago. Reid has faced three opponents, Jack Brazil, Irish Johnny Taylor, and Gus Aldrich on two occasions each, and stowed each man away in a total of 20 rounds.

The fifth round of the heavyweight tourney got under way with Johnny Dupree of Tampa, and Red Cameron of Miami, crossing gloves in Jacksonville. It was a rather tame affair, though no fault of Dupree who tried to make a fight of it. The Tampa boy won the verdict on a split vote. Cameron was content to backpedal and let his shorter opponent do what work there was. At times Red would come up with some beautiful right hand shots. By this win, Dupree continued a good victory streak. One of the best liked ringmen to show here, Carey Mace of Hartford, Conn., appeared against Jack Lisle of Savannah and gave the Georgia glover a sweet boxing lesson in six rounds. Lisle tried but was befuddled by the swift moving Mace who would dart in and out delivering blows from every angle. He subbed for Jimmy Kidd Hatcher. Both are welters. The show was stolen by Mickey Dunn of Jacksonville and Ray Hakes of Sarasota, who went four hard rounds to a draw. Mickey took the lead but found Ray's body blows telling on him in the last round. Both welters. Bill Edge and Eddie Outlaw drew in a middleweight four. A bad decision went to Tim Higginbotham in a four-rounder with Zerney Pappy both 132. Troy Parker, 138, beat Doyle Burnett, 131, in four.

The bout between Davey Meredith, Macon, 150½, and Billy Spangler, 147, from Carolina, was called a draw after five rounds. Both scrappers suffered cuts, Meredith over his right eye and Spangler from the lower lip and the Boxing Commission doctor declared an end to the fight. Referee Cy Gottfried correctly called it a draw.

Action and roughness on parts of both fighters, Forrest "Fist" Dever, of Grand Rapids and Cannonball Canovas, of Havana, Cuba, were found in their ten rounder, won by Dever, who scaled 152 to the Cannonball's 152¼. Hal Meredith, younger brother of the above Dave Meredith, took a good battle from Mario Coll, 139½, of Havana. Hal, 145½, from Macon, met the deck in the third but got up to score with heavier punches and rattled Mario's tummy in the late rounds. In the four-round opener, Don Wineberg, Miami, 118-pounder, bested Julius Gutterez, 122, Havana, Cuba.

On a Negro show in Miami, Sylvester Perkins, Chicago light-heavyweight, gave a good performance in T.K.O.ing Ossie Harris, 164½, of Pittsburgh, in eight rounds. Harris gave Perkins a good scrap for half that distance until the latter took command.

Will Ferguson, Miami, 165-pounder, and J. J. Hannon, Pittsburgh, 167, put on a nip and tucker until the Miamian came through with a knockout in the seventh heat. Honey Boy Williams, Houston, 130, had to come up from the deck to plant Ray Lewis, Miami, 126, to sleep in the fourth. Battling Nick kayoed Oscar Fulka in the first chapter of a heavyweight go. Both Miamians. Kid Washington, Miami, won a four-rounder from Billy McGee, Miami, in a middleweight bout.

Toby Reid, a hard-hitting Jacksonville lad, tipping 163, found Jack Brazil, another Jaxonite, much easier meat in a second encounter and hung the ole kayo on the latter in the first round at Alma, Ga. Reid made this his fourth straight knockout triumph in as many starts since moving from Norfolk to Jacksonville.

On the same night Toby Reid made merry in Alma, another Jaxonite, heavyweight Buddy Scott, was winning over Hal Moore in Macon, Ga. Scott took the decision, unanimously after ten rounds. He almost came home with a knockout in the last round over the big, game Moore.

Toby Reid, 163, kayoed Irish Johnny Taylor, 160, for the second time. As in their first bout, Reid put Taylor to sleep in the second round with the prettiest left hook we've seen in a long time.

Hal Meredith, likable Macon southpaw welterweight, saw his ten-rounder with Joey Dunne, popular Jacksonville welter, called a draw. It was close but yet Hal could have been chosen. In a four-round middleweight go, Eddie Outlaw and Bill Edge went to a draw. Mickey Dunn, 141, beat Walter Longine, 150, in four. Zerney Pappy, 128, proved the better man over Tim Higginbotham, 126, in four. Skippy Gillis, 138, beat John Tracy, 132, in four.

Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight boxer, left for Dallas, Texas, where he may make his headquarters. Scott, as we understand, has a bout coming up with either Billy Conn or Tami Mauriello in a Texas ring.

Our good friend Marty Fuller, New York fight figure, and Al Silvani, connected with Tami Mauriello and Jake LaMotta, were Jacksonville visitors on their way to the Magic City, Miami. We hear through them that another of our ace-buddies, Chickie Bogad, ex-Garden matchmaker, may come down to Miami to open a business if he doesn't take up duties with Andy Neiderreiter and the Tournament of Champions. Silvani himself may become a Miami businessman.

The match between Jimmy Hughes, of Charlotte, and Guy Brown, of Belmont, finally took place before some 1800 fans who eagerly awaited this pairing in Gastonia, N. C. It ended with Hughes coming up from the canvas during the first few seconds to plant Brown there for good within one minute after the gong sounded, with a punch to Guy's side, which the loser questioned but the referee and commission okayed. Both are middleweights.

Ralph Adkins, 154, Charlotte, hung up a seven-round T.K.O. over Early Hamilton, 149, Mount Holly, after Hamilton's mouth was cut in that round. Homer Welch, Gastonia, a gamester, was T.K.O.'ed by Ted McFalls, of Charlotte. Ted put Homer on deck a dozen or more times. A Negro six-rounder found Tommy Dodd, 160, Charlotte, and "Killer" Rhyne, Reidsville, 160, going to a draw. The opener saw Glenn Norman, 130, in a two-round K.O. over Red Clewis, 131.

Jimmy Kid Hatcher, former lightweight star from Lake City, S. C., and Sarasota, Florida, is making Jacksonville home where he is studying hair styling. Hatcher plans to get back into fighting shape and take bouts in between. Jimmy will box as a welter. . . . Al Cameron, brother of Miami's heavyweight Red Cameron, was up in Jacksonville to see Red compete against Johnny Dupree.

Bobby Dykes, popular Texas welterweight, was given a nice argument by Davey Meredith, of Macon in their feature bout in Miami for six rounds. Dykes, however, pulled away and came along strong to make it hot for Davey as the bout progressed. The referee stopped it in the tenth and final round giving Dykes a T.K.O.

Cannonball Canovas, Cuban middleweight, bested Angel Chavez, 148½, in a ten-rounder. It was a rough go with the Cannonball proving the stronger boy and Chavez not in the best of shape. Billy Lima, Miami, 122½-pounder, gave one of his best performances to win by a comfortable margin over Auggie Yarratt, 122¼, in a ten-rounder. Doug Gibson, Houston lightweight, had too much experience for Jimmy Binton, West Palm Beach lightie, and took a two-round T.K.O. win.

Carey Mace, classy Hartford lad, made his Miami appearance a winning one by T.K.O.ing Bill Louderman, of Texas, in the seventh round of a scheduled tenner. Mace, 151½, and Louderman, 145½.

In a middleweight match that stole the show, Forrest "Fist" Dever, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Cannonball Canovas, Havana, Cuba, fought their second battle. 'Twas a honey, with Dever taking his second straight victory from the Cuban lad. Blondy Baggett, Tampa lightweight, enjoying a win streak, added Jake Smith, of Hialeah to his list, winning a six heater. Ernie Mason, 181½, Miami, bested the much heavier Jimmy Russo, 228½, in another six-round bout.

Georgia fighters showed before Roanoke, Va., fans with Harry Harvey, Savannah, 122-pounder, losing a decision to Don Bowman, 130, of Knoxville, in an eight-round semi-final. Willie Linah, Negro, 140-pounder, also of Savannah, stopped Sonny (Sammy) Pinkard, 145, Washington, D. C., in two rounds and ran Linah's total of kayoes to seven straight, according to Tom Eady, who handles the above scrappers.

Once again, Tom Eady, of Savannah sends in results of his boys in a Roanoke, Va., showing. On the Joe Louis exhibition card there, Savannah boxers Harry Harvey, Lou Atterbury, and Willie Linah performed. Harvey, 122, drew in eight rounds with Lew Yonkers, of Roanoke. Ronnie (Bulldog) Ruffington, Roanoke, kayoed Atterbury in the sixth round of a middleweight bout. Jesse Baker, Roanoke Negro 150-pounder, kayoed Linah, 140, in the second heat.

Hal Meredith gained a six-round T.K.O. over Juan Villalba of Cuba and Tampa in Jacksonville. It was a good bout with Meredith possessing the big guns to rock Villalba in the fatal round sending him to the deck. The referee, J. P. Stanley, lifted Hal's hand in T.K.O. triumph. Both welters.

Toby Reid, Jacksonville puncher, opened up his Big Berthas to register his second kayo over Gus Aldrich and the sixth straight in the short time since making Jacksonville his home. The end came for Aldrich in round two. In other bouts: Tim Higginbotham, 130, beat Georgie

Lyons, 135, in four. Sanford Bascom, 136, T.K.O.'ed Calvin Thomas, 140, in four. Walter Longine, 146, beat Paul Howard, 150, in four. Eddie Outlaw, 152, decisioned Tommy Thompson, 146, in four. Mickey Dunn, 140, remains undefeated since his Army discharge and his latest win is a four-rounder over Red Scott, 144. Results above took place in Jacksonville.

Fritzie Zivic, 150½, former welterweight champion, and Eddie Steele, 158, Macon, Ga., middleweight, travelled to a ten-round draw in Macon before a crowd of 2500 fans. No knockdowns were scored in the scrap, although Steele had a badly cut right eye. The latter's face dripped with blood in the last three rounds.

Jack Lisle, Savannah, 137½, won a split nod from Kid McCoy, of Macon, 140¼, in the semi-final eight-rounder. Lisle took the last round to cop the win. Ralph Pearson, 138, Macon, kayoed "Killer" Williams, 139½, in the first round. All Pearson needed was one punch.

Billy Kinard, Orlando middleweight, was presented with the ten-round decision over Johnny Kilday, Jacksonville Irishman, in the third of their clashes, which now stands one apiece for each fighter and one draw. Kinard's win was a split verdict. Hal Patterson, Lake Mary, 152, kayoed Don Whitaker, Jacksonville, 150, in 10. Roger Crocker, 132, Lake Mary, won a four spot from Lloyd Thompson, Jacksonville, 134. Bobby Reaves, 141, Lake Mary, T.K.O.'ed Frank Ferrell, 140, Orlando, in two. The above card was held in Orlando.

Fighters not under managerial contracts can do well fighting in Florida and surrounding territory by contacting yours truly. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Phone 4-4526. Fight managers and promoters with boxing news and results are more than welcomed to this corner for publication.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.
By LARRY JONAS

AFTER a long summer layoff, boxing was resumed in Phoenix with Paul Clinite and Jim Nicholson, who have leased the local Madison Square Garden, under a five-year contract, as promoters. The Phoenix Garden is owned by Jim Londos, perennial wrestling champion.

The first five weeks of boxing bouts promoted by the newcomers were hailed by the press as being unusually good, and business has been building after a shaky start. It appears now that boxing has finally hit its stride in Phoenix, and the future of the sport here may well be favorable.

The opening card pitted Bobby Maloney, 148, against Arturo Barron, 145, in the main event, with Barron scoring a K.O. in the third round. In the semi, Sal Chavez, 145, iced Dynamite Jackson, 142, in the third.

Preliminaries: Noble Johnson, 120, outboxed Jimmy Dunn, 118, six; Willie Bean, 141, drew against Billy Shelton, 147, six; Hank Davis, 130, decisioned Dinnis Breen, 130.

Jose Rocha, 148, and Shamus McCrea, 147, battled to a ten-round draw in their main event scrap, with each man showing to advantage. It was nip and tuck all the way. In the semi, Manny Camarilli, 119, floored Benny Cousins three times in the third, to win by a T.K.O. Cousins scaled 114.

Preliminaries: Connie Smith, 143, eked out a decision over Billy Shelton, 146, six; Chino Moreno, 130, T.K.O.'ed Chester Scott, 130, three; Hank Davis, 128, outpointed Young Quadres, 122, four.

Shamus McCrea was the underdog in his fight against Benny Evans, but after receiving a drubbing in the early rounds, the Los Angeles Negro finally hit his stride and had little difficulty in taking the ten-round nod. Both are welterweights. The semi bantam event, between Al Lopez and Ruben Smith, ended in a technical draw in the third. The referee stopped the fight after an accidental butt made it impossible for Lopez to continue.

Preliminaries: Sal Chavez decisioned Willie Bean in six, welterweights; Ace Lytell beat Clint Campbell, four; Chuck Burns iced Gunner Gaffney, one.

Although the odds were against him, Tommy Vargas, 133, won in convincing fashion in his ten-round main event go against Peewee Swingler, 132. Swingler got away to a fast start, but Vargas was able to take all that was thrown against him and stormed his opponent often enough to wind up with a popular decision.

The semi ended in a draw, with Al Lopez, 122, and Manuel Hernandez, 120, each giving a good account of himself along the six-round route.

Preliminaries: Connie Smith, 146, K.O.'ed Danny Obregon, 152, three; Billy Shelton, 145, decisioned Willie Bean, 146, four; Chuck Burns, 176, stopped Gunner Gaffney, 170, three.

Jean Mougin, who claims the French Army lightweight title, looked impressive in his ten-round fracas with Lem Thomas, which the Frenchman won after a hard tussle. Mougin, who scaled 133½, showed considerable boxing skill and an effective left hand in defeating Thomas, who is anything but a pushover. Thomas, who weighed 132, put up a hard fight and made Mougin go all out in order to earn his win.

Jimmy Dunn, 122, earned the nod over Luis Haro, 124, in the semi of six rounds, but it was close all the way. Manuel Riviera, 129½, halted Waldo Romero, 129½, two; Lonnie Stewart, 148, stopped Dean Bates, 150, three; Little Abner, 180, K.O.'ed Leo Smith, 186, one.

Hank Krakover, former Garden matchmaker, has resumed his boxing activities and is doing a nice job in lining up an impressive roster of fighters.

Information regarding fights in this area should be addressed as follows: Larry Jonas, care of Station KOOL, Adams Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

JESSE UNDERWOOD, crowd-pleasing lightweight from Huntington, West Virginia, evened the score with Pat Iacobucci of Cincinnati by gaining the ten-round decision in the top bout of Promoter Bill McNulty's show at the Louisville Armory. Previously Iacobucci had won the nod over Underwood in Cincinnati.

In the eight-round semi, Whitman Burress of Cincinnati outscored Bill Cassidy of West Virginia in a welterweight tussle. Cassidy is a stablemate of Underwood.

The six-round event had Ronnie Harper, lightweight, also from the Mountain State, scoring over Oliver Cobbins, Cincinnati Negro. In another lightie scrap, Willie Cliff of West Virginia, won the nod over Frankie Mayo of Cincy. In the opener, set for four rounds, Cooper White, West Virginia middleweight, ended things quickly by stopping Willie Pierce in one heat.

The Kentucky Boxing Commission has named Jimmy Robinson, Louisville Negro lightweight, as the State Champion in that class. In due time Boxing Commissioner George Wetherby has announced that state champions in all divisions will be named. This will do a lot to give the game a boost in this vicinity.

Promoter Bill McNulty's second show of the month was one of the best staged in Louisville in recent months and was topped by Jimmy Robinson, newly-crowned state lightweight champion, meeting Joe Discepoli, hard-punching southpaw from Cincinnati. Discepoli dropped Robinson in an early round to take the lead but Robinson came back strong and in the sixth round Discepoli received a bad cut over his eye which caused the commission doctor to halt the fight, giving Robinson a T.K.O. victory.

In the second bout, also set for ten rounds, Jesse Underwood, popular lightweight from Huntington, W. Va., came back on this card and gained a win over a home state rival when he outscored Ronnie Harper of Charleston, W. Va.

Willie Johnson, Louisville Negro middleweight, and a strong contender for the state title in that division, looked good stopping Cooper White of West Virginia in the fifth heat of a scheduled eight.

Doug Medley, pleasing young local lightweight, outpointed Chuck McGow, Indianapolis southpaw, in a good six-round contest. The four-round opener, between heavyweights, was declared "no contest" when Steve Hudak of Louisville appeared to be over-matched against Bobby Jenkins of Fort Knox, Ky.

The writer would like to hear from young white fighters free from managerial connections who want action both in Louisville and the Midwest. Boys weighing 130 to 135 can get plenty of action in several good spots in and around this section. Amateur champions wanting a pro start are also invited to write. Send photo and record to the writer, Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

ACTIVITY in Texas rings was better during the past month with ten shows staged in El Paso, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston and Galveston. The promoters in those cities hope to be able to get together more shows during the winter season. Here are the month's results:

At El Paso—Manny Ortega, 126, decisioned Jock Leslie, 125, ten rounds. Eusebio Hernandez, 148, kayoed William Shelton, 147, six. Juan Herrera, 118½, decisioned Bernie Samaniego, 121, four. Tomas Minjarez, 150, kayoed Alberto Ramirez, 150, one. George Cramer, 138, decisioned Melchor Martinez, 136, four.

At San Antonio—Howard Lewis, 128, decisioned Alex Gonzales, 128, four rounds. Johnny McJunkin, 149, kayoed Willie Torres, 150, two. Jimmy DeLeon, 145, decisioned Eugene Smith, 145, six. Danny Stipanovich, 136, kayoed Ray Ramon, 136, one. Eddie Bertolino, 133, decisioned Jesus Ruiz, 134, ten.

At Austin—Jimmy DeLeon, 144½, and Eloy Uresti, 139, no contest. Abner Bedingfield, 151, kayoed Andrew Radthke, 147, three rounds. Johnny Dabbs, 148, decisioned G. R. Coronel, 141, eight. Bert Linam, 147, decisioned Choforo Martinez, 145, 15, championship.

At Corpus Christi—Lauro Gonzales, 142, T.K.O.'ed Roy Saylors, 142, three rounds. Pete Salazar, 113, decisioned Simon Medina, 112, four. Gilbert Abrego, 126, decisioned Jesse Nieto, 122, four. Victor Penn, 163, decisioned Johnny Ward, 160, six. Tony Elizondo, 162, kayoed Jack Graham, 162, three.

At San Antonio—Harold Woodson, 168, T.K.O.'ed I. H. Harvey, 171, four rounds. Charlie Miller, 154, kayoed Boshey Moreno, 149, one. Gilbert Abrego, 126, decisioned Howard Lewis, 127, four. Tommy Ramirez, 151, kayoed Jimmy Finn, 154, three. Julio Juarez, 110, decisioned Ramon Gaytan, 109, ten.

At Houston—DeWitt Oliver, 135, kayoed Eldridge Cockrell, 137, three rounds. Louis Davis, 137, T.K.O.'ed Richard Miller, 131, two rounds. Frank Cockrell, 135½, kayoed Marvin Russell, 136, two. Charles M. Pierce, 190, T.K.O.'ed Bill Fillip, 194, four. Jesus Alonzo, 184, kayoed O'Neal Crocker, 180, two.

At El Paso—Jacinto Alvarez, 127, decisioned Enrique Soteno, 131, four rounds. Melchor Martinez, 134, decisioned Francisco Guzman, 134, four. Alberto Lopez, 123, decisioned David Padilla, 123, four. Thomas Minjanez, 152, kayoed Abner Bedingfield, 153, one. Hector Marquez, 111, decisioned Buddy Baggett, 111, 15, championship.

At El Paso—Armando Carmona, 124, kayoed David Padilla, 124, two rounds. Juan Herrera, 117, decisioned Jose Ramirez, 119, four. Melchor Martinez, 130, kayoed Gerardo Muniz, 132, one. Ricardo Z. Rivas, 127, decisioned Oswaldo Romero, 129, six. Jesus Fonseca, 120, T.K.O.'ed Francisco Serrano, 120½, six.

At Galveston—Morris Levige, 132, T.K.O.'ed Marvin Russell, 135, two rounds. Lauro Gonzales, 146¼, decisioned James DeLeon, 144¼, four. Thomas Ramirez, 151¼, kayoed Rudy Cassidy, 145¾, two. Jesse Alonzo, 184, decisioned Bill Fillip, 193, six. Gordon House, 134, decisioned Tony Mar, 134¾, 15, championship.

At San Antonio—Johnny Victor Penn, 163, T.K.O.'ed Wallace Perry, 160, two rounds. James "Kid" Sweatt, 140, T.K.O.'ed Frank Garrett, 142, three. Pat Flowers, 130, kayoed DeWitt Oliver, 129½, three rounds. Joe Brown, 140, kayoed Frank Cockrell, 142, five rounds.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

DENVER'S firy little featherweight, Corky Gonzales, won a split decision over Eddie Marotta of Cleveland before the largest crowd to watch a pro fistic show here in many a moon. Gonzales outboxed his hard punching opponent to the approval of the 4000 fans, who paid $7,500 to see the scrap. This is one up for two of the best Featherweight Prospects in the U. S. today as only one month ago Marotta won a split decision over Gonzales in the same auditorium.

Preliminary bouts were just preliminary bouts: featherweight Art Irlando, Denver, nodded Pete Megas, Cleveland, in a slow four-rounder; Freddie Maes, Denver lightweight, knocked out Paulie Cook, Tacoma, Washington, in four of six; James Motley, Alliance, Neb., K.O.'ed Harry Lynch of Wyoming in what was billed as a four-round heavyweight scrap in one. Elijah Edwards of Lowery Field decisioned John Dobbs and Dick Weinhold won over Joe Kenisky in a pair of welterweight scraps over the four-round route.

Hats off to Eldon Maxwell, who promoted the four-day Southern Colorado Amateur Golden Gloves Tournament under the sponsorship of the Pueblo Steel YMCA. Mr. Maxwell plans to give the champions plenty of opportunity to participate in team matches and hopes to cop a win or three in Chicago early next year. Joe Fisher and Robert Gardner were the outstanding stars of the tourney.

Joe Danos, Denver welterweight, won a ten-round decision over Frank Cordino, Paterson, N. J., before a capacity crowd at Troy, N. Y. In the semi on the same card, Colorado Springs middleweight, Wayne Strowbridge, beat out a steady tattoo on the jaw of Whitey Cozy, New Britain, Conn., to earn a clear cut decision and the plaudits of the crowd. One week later Wayne copped the nod over Jim Barnett in six. Nineteen-year-old Strowbridge is a boxer with a punch and should do well in the fistic world.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

PHIL MUSCATO opened the indoor season here October 18 by winning handily over Shamus O'Brien in ten rounds. Jack Singer promoted the show, which drew about 5000 fans. It was Muscato's first fight in many months. He had broken with Guy Sulpi, his former manager, and refused to box under the latter's guidance. Phil looked pretty good against the cagey O'Brien and with a couple of bouts under his belt he'll be ready for the best.

Dudo Parisi, dapper young fight impresario who shrewdly handled the affairs of Henry Flake, is now co-partner with Joe Netro in managing Muscato. Dudo is a sharp young fellow who knows the fight game. He had good training under Bert Finch, veteran manager, who piloted Lou Scozza. And Netro, who also manages Joey DeJohn, is figuring on a possible match with Ezzard Charles for Muscato. Joe and Dudo make an excellent team.

Henry (Snow) Flake was the most promising young heavyweight in the country last spring. He gave Lee Oma two beatings and was ranking high among heavyweight contenders. Flake is expected to return to ring action again after he undergoes an eye operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Dudo Parisi will continue to direct Flake's affairs when he dons the big gloves again.

Junior Singer has a new heavyweight. He is promising Syl Kuchinski, 195 pounds and six feet four inches. He won the A.A.U. novice championship here last spring. After the *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves tournament, Kuchinski will turn professional.

Joe Muscato has renewed his boxer's license and has been O.K.'ed by the State Athletic Commission . . . . Joe Matisi, who has been training hard at Singer's gym, also expects to get going again . . . . His new mentor is none other than "Uncle" Bert Finch, who trained the Endicott scrapper for many winning fights . . . . Rumor has it that Charlie Murray, who ran the Queensberry Club close to 30 years, is thinking about taking another whirl at the fight business.

AROUND THE TOWN—WKBW's sportscaster, Bill Mazer, is doing a great job for boxing and wrestling here . . . . He knows the sports business thoroughly . . . . Chick Johnson has been in charge of Joey DeJohn's training since last spring and Joey never appeared in better shape . . . . Al Baldesino looked good at the Fairview show when he knocked out Joe Henderson of Detroit in the fifth round . . . . The Billy Fox-Ted Lourey setto, staged by the F.A.C., did a gross of $7121 . . . . A rematch is in order—'Twas a great fight . . . . Jack Singer and Dewey Michaels would like a chance to use Sandy Saddler, new world's featherweight champion . . . . Sandy would go over big in Buffalo.

Last month when we said Jack Singer is operating the only gymnasium in Buffalo, we overlooked Mickey McInerney's swat emporium in the Morgan building. Mickey says he has over 100 boxers, amateurs and pros, training at his place . . . . Also another new gym has made its appearance . . . . The Downtown Gym at Swan and Elicott Streets has opened for business . . . . Bobby Nappo and Jim Guarneri are co-proprietors . . . . This makes three training here . . . . Singer's gym is by far the largest and best equipped . . . . Jack purchased the Fairview gym from Dewey Michaels and now has two rings set up in his Washington Street sweat-shop.

Buffalo needs new faces for main events and both Promoter Jack Singer of the Hudson Club and Matchmaker Charlie Pinto of the Fairview organization are on the hunt for talent. Singer expects Joey DeJohn will develop into a star attraction here . . . . The Syracuse lad has been winning steadily all summer in central New York bouts . . . . His manager, Joey Netro, wouldn't pass up a shot at Marcel Cerdan if an offer comes along . . . . Ted Lourey, the crack Negro heavyweight, made a big hit in Buffalo when he held Blackjack Billy Fox to a draw, October 26 . . . . Both fighters were down for counts but were battling hard at the finish . . . . A rematch is in the cards.

Al Zahorsky, well-known sporting goods salesman, was reelected Niagara A.A.U. chairman of boxing for another year. Zahorsky is also vice-chairman of the National A.A.U. boxing board.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

RESULTS of fights during October were as follows, all taking place at the Coliseo Arena: Memo Valero, 118, Mexican bantamweight champ, decisioned Luis Castillo, 116, challenger, in a twelve-round fight for the title. Although Valero got the decision, the majority of the public did not like it because he spent most of the time running backwards. Leonardo Lopez, 122, decisioned Panchito Uribe, 120, in the ten-round semifinal.

Chalio Duran, 136, knocked out Puños de Oro, 138, in five, while Pelon Cabrera, 145, decisioned Candido Ramos, 144, in ten. Kid Filipino, 141, T.K.O.'ed Carlos Malacara, 143, in two. Lalo Gallardo, 136, decisioned Babe Nevarez, 134, in ten.

In a fast fight, Negro Sandoval, 125, T.K.O.'ed Casanovita Pacheco, 126, in the third of the scheduled ten-round star bout. Sandoval fell down in the second for a short count, but got up and in the third knocked down his opponent several times to win the fight by a technical K.O. Joe Gutierrez, 132, and Leopoldo Perez, 130, received a deserved no contest verdict in the seventh.

Cachorro Herrera, 121, decisioned Leonardo Lopez, 121, in the ten round main event while Al Zamora, 136, decisioned Raul Bustamente, 136, in ten.

Panchito Uribe, 123, decisioned Manolo Aguilar, 125, in a rather bad fight while Babe Ruiz, 117, decisioned Pepin Gonzalez, 119, in ten.

Aurelio Cruz, 134, and Chalio Duran, 136, drew in ten. Pelon Cabrera, 143, and Manuel Luevano, 146, fought the semifinal. Cabrera received a bad cut in his mouth in the fifth as a result of a butt. The judges stopped the match in that round and gave Cabrera the decision.

Nicolas Moran, 143, decisioned Luis Arguelles, 144, in ten while Cargador Aguilar, 135, decisioned Saul Torres, 132, in ten of a hot fight.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

JOHNNY GRECO, Canadian welterweight champion, staged another of his dynamic, all-out displays to pummel rangy Gaby Ferland into submission in five furious rounds, his victim being unable to come out for the sixth heat. This all-local fracas, a rousing humdinger while it lasted, attracted a gate of $20,465 at the Forum, marking another profitable presentation by Matchmaker Raoul Godbout.

Ferland boxed carefully during the first two rounds, jabbing with a long left and making Greco miss. However, he wasn't moving as fast as usual and eventually paid for his cockiness, as Greco's body punching slowed him considerably. The third round was sensational. Ferland opened up to catch Greco coming in and kept beating him to the punch. It was Ferland's round, too, but the pace was beginning to tell. As they maneuvered at long range in the fourth Greco suddenly snapped over a right that nailed Ferland on the upper jaw. He went down like a log, but got up at nine. It was all Greco from then on. They were mixing it at close quarters a few seconds before the bell in the fifth when Ferland suddenly collapsed to the canvas. He was helped to his corner at the bell but Whitey Bimstein wouldn't let him start out for the sixth, motioning to Referee Tommy Sullivan that it was all over.

Fernando Gagnon, Canadian bantam champion from Quebec, scored a "hairline" knockout victory in the fifth of the scheduled eight-round semifinal when "Pancho" Calderon was counted out as he arose, precipitating a near-riot with the fans booing lustily. Ringside and press box observers claimed he was on his feet at nine but the referee, Maurice O'Connell, insisted that the Puerto Rican was just arising as he completed the "ten and out" downsweep in conjunction with knockdown timer Tommy Sullivan. Though floored earlier, Calderon was still strong and had been making a good fight of it, so it was unfortunate that this occurred.

A trio of local amateur stars made their pro debut successfully in four-rounders, though Jackie Keenan, Olympic middleweight, had to do it the hard way, taking a trouncing from Ian McNeil in the first round and most of the second, then coming back to win the last two heats.

Mario Massaro, a rangy, tough and speedy welter, an Olympic alternate, had far too many guns and too much class for Fernand Boivin, Quebec, stopping him in the third. Massaro looks like a keen prospect, and has a strong following.

Armand Savoie, Olympic featherweight now growing into a lightweight, showed plenty of class and promise in handing out a sound trouncing to Noel Gagnon, a tough little campaigner. He floored Gagnon, who went to Quebec a week later to flatten Maurice (Mario) Girard in a round.

Jean Richard, Canadian featherweight champion, stopped his bitter local rival, Lou Alter, in the sixth round at the Coliseum when the latter, bleeding profusely from half a dozen cuts around his eyes, was waved out by Referee Bobby Leitham before the bell went for the sixth heat. These terriers staged a fast, bristling scrap for five rounds. It is the writer's opinion that the clever, sharpshooting Alter wasn't tuned up to concert pitch, like the busy Richard, for the battle this figured to be. He was in better shape when he won their previous pair of thrillers over a year ago but since then has had few fights, mostly easy K.O. victims. The "house" was near capacity.

A last-minute sub for ailing Eddie (Joe Beef) Leboeuf, Romeo Ouimet was easy prey for George Gervin in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. Ouimet took the edge in the first round with frequent left hooking but tired rapidly as the two-fisted Gervin stepped up the pace, floored him once in the second, twice in the third, and for keeps in the fourth. Leboeuf and Gervin will clash on the next card and it is attracting keen interest. It is an acid test for Leboeuf.

Rocky Brisebois and Levis Cote, a promising pair of welters, battled to a torrid six-round draw, both being very tired in the closing stages. Frank Tilley, a tough youngster, won over Hal Cullain when the latter, in poor shape, punched himself out striving for a kayo and had to call it quits after five rounds. Cullain, nine pounds the lighter, wasn't hurt at all but completely exhausted. Manny Spivak, a sharp-hitting 122-pounder, made fast work of Joe Brown, who was five pounds heavier, by socking him so fast and furious that it was stopped after two minutes of the first round, in the scheduled four-round opener.

STRAY SHOTS—Laurent Dauthuille, highly touted French middleweight, arrived and was signed by Raoul Godbout to make his first appearance on this side at the Forum . . . . Jerry Coursol, his chipped knuckle bone on the mend, has started light training and will leave Miami after the holidays to campaign in Montreal . . . . Coursol, who originates from Montreal, figures to be a dangerous challenger for Johnny Greco's Canadian welter crown . . . . Eddie Ross, who is probably Canada's best light-heavy, has been vainly seeking a chance to show locally, but is finally getting a break from the Coliseum . . . . they are always glad to show deserving new faces like this blond buzzsaw, who stopped 24 of 27 foes, mostly in New England rings . . . . we take this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

IN the first indoor show of the season on September 30, the Columbus promoters selected big Perk Daniels to meet the Alabama Kid in the ten-round scrap at the Memorial Hall. Alabama Kid, spotting Daniels 25 pounds, kept pounding until he wore the big boy down. When the bell sounded for the seventh round, Daniels was a very tired battler who had been given a sound licking. Alabama Kid had the big fellow reeling against the ropes when Referee Mutt Schartz stepped in and stopped the fight.

The semi-final bout between Jimmy Welsh, a consistent winner, and Herb McDonald of Canton, O., was a Donnybrook affair. Welsh had won a close decision over the Cantonian at Dover just a week previously and the Canton battler was out for revenge. After battling on about even terms for four rounds, Welsh forged ahead in the fifth and floored the Canton battler for the count. A straight right hand which hit the spot spelled defeat, as the Canton welterweight fell face forward to the canvas.

A three-round bout between Shelby Dezarn and Rip Sewell ended in favor of Dezarn. Leroy Brown took three straight rounds to win over Ira Philips, welterweight scrap. Red Hall and Pepsi Cola Rice ended in a three-round draw.

Mike Grim won in three fast heats over Jimmie Coleman in a middleweight bout. Billy Davis was knocked kicking in two heats in a middleweight scrap. King Kong Dawkins won in three over Goon Johnson in an alley scrap. In a special two-round bout, Teddie Baker won easily over Hubert Goins.

The Alabama Kid and Mutt Schartz were the guest referees, while the writer and Wilber Blackie judged the fights.

All participants of the show with the exception of the officials were inmates of the Ohio Penitentiary.

Dick Lewis, Columbus lightweight, lost the unanimous decision to Johnny Paoletti of Akron, who was making his pro debut. Paoletti was one of the best amateur fighters turned out in the Rubber City in the past three years. Dale Boggs, local welterweight, had his hands full when he met Jack Risby of Akron in one of the four-rounders. The opening four-round scrap between Doyle Upchurch of Muncie, Ind., and Klay Miliron of Akron ended with Upchurch getting the nod.

Freddy Eiler, at one time an outstanding middleweight in the Middle West, is now managing the Arcade Gymnasium in Louisville, Ky., at 238½ W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.

George (Gypsy) Sims has opened up a gymnasium in Lebanon, O., and is operating under the name of the Sims A. C.

Matchmaker Buck Mathias of the St. Joe's A. C. at Fort Wayne, Ind., gave the Hoosier fight fans their first show of the season when he topped Wild Willie Russell against Walt Evans, a good Toledo welterweight. Russell was given the unanimous decision over Evans. It was a great fight. Evans was on the canvas several times but lasted the ten heats.

The semi-final between Chet Harter and Tommy Woodward of Columbus was a good scrap, with Harter winning all the way.

Joe Dennis of Fort Wayne fought on even terms with Freddie Bryant of Indianapolis in a four-rounder. Sheriff Jackson, Columbus middleweight, showed a lot of power while getting the duke over Bud Hershey, light-heavyweight of Fort Wayne, in six fast heats. Holly Upchurch of Muncie lost a close four-round bout to Frank Ivon of Columbus in a welterweight scrap.

Bob Heath, the Akron promoter, has indicated that he will return to the Armory some time in the middle of November with bi-monthly shows.

Johnny Cerrone is the latest promoter to toss his hat in the pro ring shows.

Dave Andrews of Lowell, Mass., outpointed Rudy Zadell of Akron in the ten-round top fight at Worcester on October 29.

Buddy Walker, Columbus heavyweight, who at one time was in the first ten, is making a comeback. In Walker's first fight he took a one-sided decision from Clint Conway of New York at Jeffersonville, Ky. Conway was on the deck a couple of times. Get in touch with the writer, who is booking Walker.

Eddie O'Neil of Detroit was to have met Sugar Costner of San Francisco at Detroit on October 5, but received a bad cut eye and Willie Russell substituted. Costner was given the duke.

The hottest match for Dayton in some time was the match on October 8 in the Memorial Hall, sponsored by Dee Mantia. Norman Horton and Eddie Miller, both of Dayton, were the participants in a ten-round scrap with Horton winning. The best fight on the evening card was between Harry Hart, little Delaware lightweight, and Eddie Brant, Dayton's slugging southpaw. It was packed full of action all the way, with Hart having Brant on the deck three times. Hart was given a well-deserved decision at the end of six rounds.

Sheriff Jackson, Columbus middleweight, and John Courtright of Dayton, a pair of willing middleweights, gave the fans some real action in their six-round bout, with the referee calling it even.

A packed house greeted the promoters, who grossed $3600.

Joe Green, Asheville, N. C., middleweight, who is handled by Ted Ball, gave Dave Clark, the veteran Cincinnati middleweight, a pasting in ten rounds on October 14. This was their second meeting, the first one ending in the sixth heat by a K.O. in favor of Clark.

The Alabama Kid, who has won six fights out of seven starts since coming here from Australia, is anxious to meet some of the big name fighters.

Irish Pat Richards, Columbus heavyweight, is back in training.

Big Boy Embro is the latest addition to the 20th Century stable. The big fellow tips the Fairbanks at 195. He is six feet tall and packs a wallop.

Young Harrinton is one of the new youngsters who has just turned pro.

Ted Ball, who runs the Ringside Gymnasium in Asheville, N. C., and also is the manager of Joe Green, one of the best middleweights in the South, is anxious to book his fighter in Ohio. Green recently beat Dave Clark in ten rounds.

Walter Hafer, Maysville, Ky., heavyweight, was given the nod over Jo Weidin at Cincinnati on October 18. Walt, although he was beaten from the second round on, never gave up. Hafer was down twice for nine counts but weathered the storm. Hafer was trailing when Referee Warnorf stopped the bout in the ninth frame. Most of the fans agreed with him, although Joe Weidin was not hurt outside of the cut eye and he himself did not want the fight stopped.

Joe Discepoli had little trouble with Syan Hartman of Van Wert, O., when the Cincinnati fighter won in the third heat by a K.O. Buddy Turner, Cincinnati light-heavyweight, stopped Frazier Moore of Middletown in the fourth heat. In a previous meeting Moore put the skids under Turner in the first stanza. Art Edmerson got the nod over Charley Scott. Both are from Cincinnati. Tim Botha of Middletown T.K.O.'ed Don Smith of Cincinnati in the first. A crowd of 2709 fans saw the scrap and the gross gate was $10,365.50.

Red Wilson, a veteran light-heavyweight, stopped Tommy Woodward in the sixth round at Columbus. He opened up two bad cuts over the local battler's eye and the bout was halted. Wilson is from Washington.

Jimmy Welsh is the best looking fighter to be turned out here in several years. He is an all-around athlete.

The Alabama Kid, the pride of Columbus, and Bob Amos, the Detroit Windmill, battled through ten gruelling rounds to a draw at Columbus on October 21. Amos was the only fighter in the seven starts the Alabama Kid has had since coming home from Australia, who beat him, and the Kid was out for revenge. It was one of the best fights of the season here in Columbus and the 2310 fans were well pleased with the decision.

In the semi-final, Bad Boy (Tommy) Woodward was stopped by Red Wilson of Washington, D. C., in the fifth round due to a badly cut eye.

Jimmy Welsh, Columbus middleweight, gave several pounds to Buddy Hudnett of Bay City, Mich., and was awarded the unanimous decision in five fast rounds. Dale Boggs, the Grandview belter, kept up his winning streak when he stopped Kid Coco of Saginaw, Mich., in the second heat. Doyle Upchurch of Muncie, Ind., won the nod over Hugh Subble of Ontario in five heats.

Lee Sala beat Tony DeMiccio at Toledo in 10 rounds. Tony Janiro of Youngstown, O., fought on even terms with Lou Valles of New York in another ten-round bout.

George Sugar Costner, Cincinnati welterweight, scored a T.K.O. over Bobby Mann of Trenton, N. J., in the seventh. Roy Miller of Kansas City, Mo., stopped Benny McCombs of Flint, Mich., in the sixth. The scraps were held in the Sports Arena at Toledo, O., on October 25. The fight was sponsored by the Police Department.

Tommy Bell, another Ohio fighter, won over Danny Martin of Newark, N. J., by a K.O. in the tenth and final round at Providence, R. I.

The railbirds at the 20th Century Gymnasium are buzzing about Sheriff Jackson, the pride of Hanford, O. The Sheriff stopped off at Windsor, Canada, long enough to polish off Otis McGraw, stopping the Detroit fighter in six rounds. Billy Jones, Columbus featherweight, lost an eight-round scrap to Danny Martin of Detroit on the same card. After this scrap the Sheriff shoved off for Fort Wayne, Ind., and put the skids under Jackie Hammond of Indianapolis in the third round.

Dick Lewis, Columbus featherweight, lost a close fight to Harold Green of Indianapolis in ten.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

THE fistic combo of Turner and Menendez started their fall and winter season off with a bang when they matched Laverne Roach and John Hanbury in an eight-round middleweight scrap. Jolting John upset the highly regarded Texas lad. The decision was unanimous and Hanbury led all the way with Roach looking like he was unable to get started. Hanbury weighed in at 159 to Roach's 158½.

In a five-round semi-windup Jackie Ford, 141, Washington, finished his fistic chores early by T.K.O.ing Miles Jones, 145, Washington, in 0:27 of the first.

In other fives Johnny Holt, 163½, Washington, kayo'ed Slim Gravette, 166½, Washington, in 1:54 of the second, and Julian Keene, 163, Washington, decisioned Holly Mimms, 155½, Washington.

Two fours completed an excellent show. Garland Edwards, 153½, Washington, won over Georgie Brooks, 161½, Washington, and in the opener Walter Hamm, 129, Washington, knocked out Pepper Martin, 134, Washington, in 1:05 of the fourth.

At Turner's Arena—Before a small turnout of 845 loyal fistic fans, Jimmy Cooper, local featherweight, dropped a unanimous 8-round decision to Leo LeBrun, of New York City. Leo took the lead in the early rounds and set up an advantage that Cooper found hard to overcome. Perhaps if the bout had been longer Cooper could have overcome LeBrun's point lead. An excellent bout and the second favorite to fall by the wayside at Turner's. LeBrun scaled 122, Cooper 124½.

In an eight-round semi-final Red Gaddis, 128½, Washington, won via the T.K.O. route over Lee Q. Murray, Jr., 129, Baltimore, when the bout was stopped due to a badly cut eye. Time: 1:55 of second round.

Four four-rounders completed the show. Jackie Ford, 140, Washington, decisioned Granderson Jones, 137½, Washington. King David, 157½, Washington, T.K.O.'ed Nate Palmer, 160, Washington, in 1:35 of the first. Walter Hamm, 129, Washington, also scored via the T.K.O. route in 1:15 of 1st over Kid Ferris, 132½, Washington. In the opener Rufus Berry, 180, Washington, decisioned Ben Harrison, 196, Washington.

In a ten-round main event Stonewall Jackson, 138½, Washington, won over Tim Dalton, 136, Chicago, at Turner's Arena before a near capacity crowd. It was a rough and rugged bout. Using his usual unorthodox style Jackson had the Chicago visitor completely befuddled. Dalton's handlers complained of Jackson's tactics but to no avail.

In a five-rounder that followed the main event, Johnny Holt, 166, Washington, kayoed Julian Keene, 161½, Washington, in 2:48 of the second.

In fours Puggy King, 123½, Washington, T.K.O.'ed Walter Hamm, 125, Washington, in 2:54 of the second when the referee stopped the bout. Angelo Marini, 151½, Washington, decisioned King David, 154½, Washington. Puggy Lyons, 141, Washington, won over Bobby Suma, 143, Washington, and in the opener Ben Harrison, 197½, Washington, scored over Russ Sessoms, 188, Washington.

Before a small house in the spacious Uline Arena, Goldie Ahern offered a real ten-round main eventer between Kid Gavilan, 148½, of Cuba and New York City's Vinnie Rossano, 149½. It was a real slugfest while it lasted and Gavilan showed to good advantage before D.C. fistic fans. It was nip and tuck with the Kid holding a slight advantage. In the final seconds of the fifth Rossano suffered a broken bone in his right hand. After 0.22 of the sixth Vinnie was unable to continue.

In a six-round semi-final Puggy Lyons, 140½, Washington, engaged Bucky Slocum, 141½, Philadelphia, in a real pier sixer. It was nip and tuck down to the last bell with the officials calling it a draw. In a sixer Clev Simmons, 130, N.Y.C., won over Lorenzo Safora, 127, Philadelphia. Two fours completed the card.

Julian Keene, 164, Washington, decisioned Norval Gaddis, 160, Washington, and the opener saw Rufus Berry, 175, Washington, in a win over Joe Flood, 174, Washington.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—A new boxing club will start operating within the next few weeks in the Mosque Theatre in Newark with George Kobb of Elizabeth as its matchmaker. This club will have its bouts televised on Station WATV and thus will be the first club in Jersey that will have a television outlet.

Charlie Williams, the classy Newark welter, has beaten, among others, such outstanding boys as Gene Burton, Vern Lester, Berry Wright, Doug Ratford, Johnny Green, Hankin Barrows, Charlie Millan, Willie Beltram and Billy Justice. Williams stands ready to fight any boy his weight. Charlie has a stablemate who, although overshadowed by him, is also ready for the best. He is Al Molby, who has beaten Johnny Dell, Doug Ratford, Fritzie Zivic, Bobby Mann and Maxie Starr.

Best Prospect of the Month—Mike Franco, young Jersey City heavyweight, who is unbeaten as a pro. He had a brilliant amateur career, during which he won the State and National A.A.U. 175-pound titles and lost out in the semi-finals of the eliminations for the U. S. Olympic teams.

Results for the Month:

Jersey City Gardens—Pat Comiskey, 212, Paterson, battered his way to an eight-round victory over Joe Chesul, 181, Bayonne. Chesul, who was down for a nine-count in the fourth, put up a good fight. Jimmy Lee, 164, Englewood, looked good in winning easily from Freddy Lott, 159, Newark, in 6. Lott was down for eight in the second. Jackie Dugan, 162, Paterson, toyed with Ernesto Amado, 159, Mexico City, to win in 6. Johnny Brezze, 125, Paterson, scored over Al Turner, 124, Trenton, 4. Mike Franco, 181, Jersey City, former A.A.U. champ, upset Jimmy Hill, 186, Trenton, 4. Billy Graham, 131, Paterson, drew with Rocky Fusco, 129, Staten Island, in 4.

World's Featherweight Champion Willie Pep, 132, Hartford, Conn., made his Jersey debut by outpointing Chuck Burton, 127, Newark, in eight slow rounds. Johnny DeFazio, 136, Bayonne, outroughed Jimmy Dockery, 135, Brooklyn, 6. Frankie Frye, 144, Newark, whipped Joey Angelo, 138, Newark, 4. Mike Della, 124, Bayonne, stopped Chuck Warg, 120, Jersey City, 3. Rocky Fusco, 129, Staten Island, won from Al Turner, 125, Trenton, 4. Billy Graham, 134, Paterson, outpointed George Branch, 140, Newark, 4.

Bill Gilliam, 217, Newark, punched his way to a six-round win over Jimmy Walker, 188, Plainfield, in the feature of a new talent show. Johnny Darby, 148, Paterson, outpointed Tony Rose, 155, Newark, 6. Billy Feency, 143, Bayonne, won from Danny McCall, 137, Philadelphia, 6. Hurley Sanders, 153, Newark, scored over Bill Giovine, 155, Newark, 4. Sammy Laratta, 146, Belleville, defeated George Branch, 143, Newark, 4. In an exhibition bout, former Middleweight Champ Rocky Graziano, 163½, Brooklyn, boxed five fast rounds with Dom Youvella, 165, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Rocky was wild and missed a lot, but even with 12-ounce gloves he was able to stagger Youvella twice.

Hamid's Pier, Atlantic City—Herman McCray, 150, Philadelphia, outpunched Joe Tate, 154, also from Philadelphia, in a hard-fought eight-rounder. Buddy Freeman, 133, Philadelphia, outpointed Joe McCloskey, 138, Camden, in six. Billy Gray, 125, Harrisburg, outpunched Babe Kelly, 120, Riverside, N. J., 6. Al Dougherty, 153, came off the floor in the first to draw with Johnny Branch, 155. Both boys are from Atlantic City. Bob Darden, 155, Chester, was disqualified in the fourth round of his bout with Eddie Petrone, 150, Philadelphia. This was the first show of the new season and a crowd of over 2200 fans turned out.

Bobby Rosado, 134, New York City, scored a big upset by outpointing Herbie (Biff) Jones, 136, Washington, D. C., 8. Vernon Williams, 172, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Larry Gibson, 168, Trenton, in 1:25 of the sixth round. Jimmy Zaicko, 140, Baltimore, K.O.'ed Bernie Burton, 138, Philadelphia, with one punch in 28 seconds of the first round. Jimmy Swan, 140, Atlantic City, stopped Len Durham, 137, New York City, 4.

Percy Bassett, 125, Philadelphia, scored his 21st victory in a row when he K.O.'ed Ruben Davis, 124, Philadelphia, in 2:40 of the fifth round. Tom Collins, 126, Boston, K. O.'ed Lucky Johnson, 128, Philadelphia, in 1:15 of the second. It was Tom's 20th K.O. and 28th win in 29 fights. Dave Lynn, 142, Philadelphia, upset Eddie Holtz, 139, Atlantic City, in six. Billy Gordon, 153, Philadelphia, whipped Charlie Spicer, 146, Philadelphia, 6. Lennon Paris, 180, Chester, Pa., K.O.'ed Freddie Greenfield, 176, Philadelphia, 1.

Honeychile Johnson, 141, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Jimmy Milligan, 141, Haskill, with a hard left hook to the body in 1:15 of the fifth round. Sipio Lofton, 162, Newark, stopped Red Archie, 158, Philadelphia, in 40 seconds of the sixth round. Jimmy Zaicko, 138, Baltimore, K.O.'ed Steve Lawrence, 132, Atlantic City, 1. It was Jimmy's second one-round K.O. here in two fights. Buddy Fisher, 160, Philadelphia, won from Henry Harris, 166, Paterson, 6. Al Dougherty, 150, Atlantic City, came off the floor in the first to slug his way to a draw with Sammy Seegars, 144, Vineland, 4.

Atlantic City—Bobby Rosado, 133, New York, scored his second upset win of the month here by outpointing Jimmy Collins, 130, Philadelphia, in eight close rounds. Billy Proctor, 122, Harrisburg, and Johnny Wolgast, 128, Philadelphia, fought a fast six-round draw. Johnny (Pee Wee) Carr, 120, New York, scored a T.K.O. over Walter Hudson, 121, Philadelphia, 3. Billy Grey, 127, Harrisburg, outpointed Bobby Green, 130, Philadelphia, 6. Dave Colquitt, 160, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Bobby Caldwell, 168, Chester, Pa., 1.

Jersey City Armory—Charlie Fusari, 147, Irvington, turned in his best fight by outboxing and outpunching Tippy Larkin, 143½, Garfield. He stopped Tippy in 2:21 of the sixth round. Larkin took a bad beating and was helpless when Referee Paul Cavalier stopped the fight.

Tito Valles, 128, New York, and Jimmy Callura, 128, Hamilton, Ont., slugged it out toe-to-toe for six rounds with Valles getting the nod. Jimmy Corti, 138, Trenton, returned to action after a long layoff and proved too strong and experienced for Johnny DeFazio, 135, Bayonne, and won their six-rounder. Joey Gabriele, 133, Orange, outboxed Charlie McGarry, 130, Rahway, in six fast rounds. Mike Franco, 181, Jersey City, former National A.A.U. champ, stayed on the winning side by outpointing Tommy Georgio, 184, Garfield, in 4. Rocky Fusco, 128, Staten Island, K.O.'ed McKinley Micheaux, 129, Rochester, N. Y., 1.

Columbia Park, North Bergen—The first show of the L. & L. Sporting Club brought out close to 3,000 people who saw good, fast bouts. Mike DeCosmo, 143, Elizabeth southpaw, scored a T.K.O. over Tommy Parks, 146, Rahway, in the eighth and final round. This was the second loss for Parks, both of them by knockouts and both by DeCosmo, with the seventh round being the jinx. Billy Wade, 148, New York, scored a big upset by outpointing Andy DePaul, 150, Cliffside Park, in eight fast rounds. Gene Salisbury, 146, North Bergen, stopped Frankie Carr, 149, New York, in 2:05 of the first. Carr was down three times. Joey Fernandez, 150, Jersey City, upset Johnny Darby, 145, Paterson, 6. Artie Levine, 126, Bayonne, whipped Artie Davis, 127, Brooklyn, 4.

Leroy Coleman, 160, Lodi, clung to an early lead to outpunch Sipio Lofton, 163, Newark, in a fast eight-round bout. Billy Lee, 146, Englewood, scored an upset when he outslugged Joe Lucignano, 148, Hoboken, in a very close fight. Jimmy Lee, 160, Englewood, made it a good night for the Lee family by K.O.'ing Wally Brooks, 166, London, England, in 2:29 of the first. Tony Celeca, 114, Jersey City, outpunched Pete Mena, 121, Puerto Rico, 4. Rocky Rhoda, 152, Hoboken, won a slugfest from Bobby Scormak, 152, Bayonne, in the opening four.

Gene Salisbury, 146, North Bergen, K.O.'ed Jimmy Robnett, 151, Knoxville, Ia., in 1:44 of the first round. Hershel Haft, 174, Paterson, upset Angel Martinez, 173, Newark, in six fast rounds. Les Irwin, 197, Weehawken, K.O.'ed Gil Cardone, 188, New York City, with one right hand in 50 seconds of the second. Joey Fernandez, 149, Jersey City, looked good in outpunching clever Billy Hill, 154, Memphis, Tenn., 6. Ray (Corkey) Rorgers, 124, Englewood, stopped Joey Bordonardo, 126, North Bergen, 1. Jake Hollman, 170, Jersey City, whipped Willie Thompson, 168, Brooklyn, 4. Jackie Colon, 120, Brooklyn, outdanced Pete Mena, 122, Puerto Rico, 4.

North Bergen—Cowboy Joe Lucignano, 144, Hoboken, gained revenge when he outpunched Billy Lee, 144, Englewood, in a good ten-rounder. Jimmy Lee, 159, Englewood, saved the day for the Lee family when he stopped Billy Evans, 154, Newark, in 32 seconds of the fifth. Evans was down four times. Ray Clark, 154, Cliffside Park, won a freak T.K.O. over Bobby Scomak, 152, Bayonne, when Scomak fell through the ropes and hit the back of his head on the ring apron. Scomak was knocked unconscious and couldn't continue. Frankie Sapone, 120, Jersey City, twice Golden Gloves champion, made his pro bow and was held to a draw by Johnny Leomons, 122, Stamford, Conn., 4. Mike Della, 126, Bayonne, battered Tommy Monahan, 132, Weehawken, 4. Jake Hollman, 170, Jersey City, scored over Eddie Burke, 168, also from Jersey City, 4.

Red Bank Armory—Billy Ellison, 154, Newark, a last minute substitute for Tony Rose, upset Milton Lattimer, 153, Beacon, N. Y., by outpunching him in six fast and close rounds. Danny McCall, 138½, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Jimmy Stamford, 141, Newark, in 2:03 of the third round. Country Sherman, 152, Bloomfield, stopped Mike Ludlow, 148, Asbury Park, in 1:15 of the second round. Willie Armstrong, 206, Elizabeth, stopped Ben Begendoff, 200, Long Branch, at the end of the second. Joe Ruchty, 192, Orange, dropped Aubery Burgess, 200½, Red Bank, five times before stopping him in the third. Bill Starkey, 159½, Elizabeth, outpointed Don Layton, 153¾, Point Pleasant, in 4.

Trenton Arena—Jimmy Green, 142, Trenton, stopped Vince Callahan, 142, Seymour, Tex., in 1:10 of the first round. Billy Liggett, 128, Trenton, K.O.'ed Jimmy Champagne, 130, Philadelphia, in 2:01 of the first round. Russ Davis, 120, Trenton, whipped Alvin Harris, 122, Philadelphia, 4. Johnny Ware, 154, Princeton, outpointed Jackie Caparell, 159, Valley Stream, L. I., 6. Ernie Knight, 137, Trenton, rallied to draw with Jimmy Zaicko, 138, Baltimore, 4. Walt Keyes, 138, Greenville, S. C., won from Tommy Chamberlain, 139, Trenton, 4. A crowd of 1,207 turned out for this benefit show for veteran Promoter Dick Curley.

Van Butler, 157½, Trenton, scored the most impressive win of his career when he upset Vern Lester, 153, San Francisco, Calif., in eight fast rounds. Calvin Smith, 134, Philadelphia, stiffened Filio Prado, 136, Monterey, Mexico, in 1.24 of round one. Russ Davis, 120, Trenton, whipped Walter Hudson, 124, Philadelphia, 4. Arthur Harris, 162, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Mike Dudash, 157, Trenton, in 2. Young Jimmy Hodges, 135, Trenton, K.O.'ed Henry Coates, 138, Philadelphia, in 40 seconds of the first round.

Charlie Williams, 146, Newark, outstanding contender for welterweight title honors, easily outpointed game Jimmy Green, 144, Trenton. Williams, boxing masterfully, won every one of the eight rounds. Jimmy Hill, 186, Trenton, finished fast to upset Les Irwin, 200, Weehawken, 6. Johnny Arduini, 119, Washington, D. C., won a hair-line decision from Russ Davis, 120, Trenton, 6. Major Williams, 158, Trenton, looked good in winning from Hurley Sanders, 155, Newark, 6.

Trenton Arena—Dick Wagner, 172, Portland, Ore., made his Jersey debut a success by punching his way to a T.K.O. over Johnny Williams, 178, New York City, in 2:13 of the second round. Frankie (Kit) Carson, 125, Newark, fought to a draw with Bobby Green, 130, Philadelphia. 6. Ray Brown, 159, Philadelphia, outpointed Willie Hill, 165, Princeton, 6. Tommy Chamberlain, 142, Trenton, K.O.'ed Ralph Mazza, 136, New York, 3. Bobby Johnson, 138, Philadelphia, stopped Young Jimmy Hodges, 134½, Trenton, 4.

Eddie Giosa, 140, Philadelphia, won from Eddie Holtz, 140, Atlantic City, in the eight-round feature, but although Giosa won easily he was far from impressive. Billy Wyatt, 148, Trenton, had a close call but won from Bill Dooley, 152, New York, 6. Les Irwin, 200, Weehawken, was stopped by Jimmy Hill, 186, Trenton, Hill winning on a T.K.O. in the fifth, because of Irwin's cut eye. Hurley Sanders, 155, Newark, outpunched Tommy Ryles, 158, Pompton Lakes, 4. Chuck Harris, 140, New York, stopped Tommy Guerrieri, 138, Toms River, in the first.

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IT'LL SOON BE XMAS!—HOW ABOUT A BOOK FOR HIM?

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

CARL "BOBO" OLSON, 160, middleweight champion of the Territory, completely outclassed Boy Brooks, 153¾, of the Philippines and scored a TKO win in the third of a scheduled ten-round main event held at the local Civic Auditorium.

After a mild first round in which both fighters felt each other out, Carl Olson holding a slight edge, opened up with a devastating two-fisted attack which had Brooks backing up most of the time. To Brooks' credit, he tried hard enough to fight back but found Olson simply too strong and an entirely different fighter from the one he had won and lost to in two bouts in the Philippines about a year ago.

Early in the third Olson caught Brooks with a hard right to the head which stunned him temporarily. Olson followed up nicely and landed another terrific right, this time to the jaw. Brooks hit the deck but came up at the count of eight. He went down again from another flurry of blows and took another eight count.

Olson was after Brooks like a tiger. Another left and right had Brooks in a dazed condition when the referee intervened, awarding Olson a TKO victory.

The fight drew 1,745 fans and grossed $3,271.25.

Other results: Roy Higa, 118½, TKO'ed Tiger Rosa, 117, in the third of five. Juan Efhan, 126½, decisioned James Nagao, 125¼, in four. Mokey Hanagami, 116¾, won over Steve Bibilone, 115½, in four. Pacho Pena, 122½, outslugged Hideo Tengan, 125, in the four-round opener.

Jorge Sanchez, latest importation to Honolulu from Havana, Cuba, gave local featherweight flash, Henry Davis, a tough fight for about four rounds of a scheduled ten-round bout but weakened considerably after that and was finally TKO'ed in 2:58 seconds of the eighth round. The fight was held October 19, at the Civic Auditorium.

Starting out fast Sanchez more than held his own in the first round. After losing the second by a shade, he copped a big third round by landing several good rights and lefts to Davis' face and body.

But Davis, who had been missing terribly until then, finally found the range late in the fourth and launched a body attack of his own. The fast tiring Sanchez immediately went into the defensive and tried covering up but nevertheless took a terrific lacing in the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds. In the eighth Davis cornered Sanchez and was hitting him almost at will when the referee stopped the fight.

Davis weighed 125 pounds to 123¼ for Sanchez.

A gathering of 1,894 took in the fight. Gross receipts amounted to $3,308.00.

Other results: Joe Soares, 128, decisioned Reuben Salazar, 127¼, four rounds. Jerry Mendoza, 150¼, knocked out Carl Cabral, 147¾, in the first of four. Mokey Hanagami, 115¾, beat Tacho Pena, 121¼, in four. Joe Jumao-as, 114, knocked out Eddie Abordo, 112, in the first of four.

Territorial middleweight champion Carl Olson, 160, experienced absolutely no difficulty adding another win to his long string of victories by winning over Kenny Watkins, 157½, of Los Angeles, in a ten-round bout held at the Civic Auditorium. The fight was a one-sided affair with Olson doing most of the leading and punching but Kenny Watkins displayed amazing absorbing power and took all of Olson's Sunday punches without being in danger of going down.

In the middle of the sixth round Olson landed several hard rights to Watkins' chin and the latter seemed slightly bewildered but he recovered fast and was fighting back at the bell. The same thing happened in the seventh heat but again Olson was unable to do very much damage.

Hereafter Watkins was never even in slight danger and even in the tenth when Olson went out for the kill, Watkins stayed a wary distance away and was exchanging blows when the fight ended.

A crowd of 1,793 paid $3,216.00.

Other results—James Bothelo, 132, decisioned William Candido, 128½, four rounds. Joe Soares, 126½, lost to Jaimie Basquez, 125½, in a four-round bout. Mokey Hanagami, 119, stopped Bobby Sanders, 115, in the third of four. In the four-round opener, Reuben Salazar, 129½, decisioned Hideo Tengan, 127½.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO
By ED HACKLEY

TOLEDO'S postponed Police and Firemen's Pension Benefit finally came off and exceeded everything that had been done here to date. Matchmaker Sid Goldberg rounded up a good card from every standpoint, and the show was seen by a capacity house that was well pleased.

In the ten which was billed for the top spot, Lou Valles, a rough, tough club fighter from New York, outdid himself and gave Tony Janiro, Youngstown's "Fancy Dan" a very uncomfortable evening. Janiro was fortunate to get a draw. Though the decision was regarded as a good one by this writer, the crowd booed it lustily.

Janiro had a good lead in the early rounds, but the crowd was with Valles even then, for the tough kid had won them in the first when he forced the fight at even that early stage and gambled all out to score on the clever Janiro. Valles reached Tony often with hard right hands and shook him with them.

Lee Sala beat Tony DeMicco in a mauling affair. Sala just couldn't solve his opponent's bobbing and weaving. Sala is a pretty good fighter, but not at all the one his record would indicate. He has been fed too many soft touches.

Roy Miller stopped Benny McCombs of Flint in a middleweight tussle, after being on the floor himself. The end came in the sixth. In the one bout which was the real surprise of the evening, Bobby Mann, with a spotty record, turned in a very good fight against the capable Sugar Costner and shook up and cut up the Cincinnati boy badly before being stopped in the sixth.

Charley Cotton, Toledo's amateur sensation, stopped Sonny Boy Akers of Canada in three. Cotton did not show his early promise. Larry Moreland, Toledo 137-pounder, lost to Allie Gronk, 142, in the other four. Larry was fighting semis here two and three years ago.

Results at the Detroit Arcadia, Oct. 19—Sugar Costner stopped Eddie O'Neill of Detroit in seven. This was the first time Eddie had ever been stopped. In the prelims, Vern Mitchell decisioned Henry Jones in a ten-round co-feature. The boys were heavyweights. Dave Tyson, Port Huron, beat Russ McKinney, Indianapolis, in four. Gord Drouillard, Windsor, drew with Tommy Shonk, Detroit, in four. Charley Cotton, Toledo, stopped George Warren, Indianapolis, in the second of a four. Jimmie Carroll, Detroit welter, beat Lee Deck, Indianapolis, in four.

Sid Goldberg turned in a good job on the Police Show and had a fine start for a good indoor season, but now it seems that Sid has been squeezed out of the Arena by his rivals. As a result the town has already lost a Joe Louis exhibition. Boxing is in no condition here for those tactics. A short while ago the two outfits had decided to merge, which was the reasonable thing to do. Failing merger, both should devote themselves to building their own cards and selling their shows, for there is not enough to fight over now. Furthermore, Sid is a very well liked fellow here, and while he has made mistakes, he has made no enemies.

He has over a period of time given Toledo its most action, its best shows and has done the best job of any promoter here. It is very unlikely that the Toledo Sports Club helped itself in any way by freezing Sid out of the Arena.

Buck Mathias is promoting in Fort Wayne. He can be reached at 1417 E. Washington Blvd. His first was a very good show with Willie Russell, Columbus clouter, and Walt Evans, Toledo's comer, on top. This month he was to have run another show with the Indiana state lightweight title at stake in the top bout. No word has reached the writer of the result of this bout at the time of writing.

News of boxing, fighters, etc., in this section can be obtained by contacting the writer, Ed Hackley, at 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo.

FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA
By WALT MARLOW

PROFESSIONAL boxing appears to be on the upswing in Vancouver. It has taken a tough, hard-punching middleweight, who started his fistic career on the prairies, to make it that way. Roy Wouters, a native of Montreal, Quebec, who had his first taste of mitt slinging in Calgary for Promoter Ernie Farr, has caught the fancy of Vancouver customers.

After his knockout triumph of Frankie Gimble of Spokane, Wouters took over the main event spot on Promoter Al Principe's following two shows and, although he was on the losing end in a thriller with Mel Brown of St. Paul, Minn., he came back two weeks later to hang the T.K.O. sign on Matt Jackson of Tacoma.

In losing to Brown, a boy who holds a K.O. victory over Ruben Shank, Wouters had the fans wondering just what he was made of. Both boys went at it hammer-and-tongs.

Wouters may be matched with Roddy MacDonald of Edmonton for the western Canada middleweight title. Vancouver has sent out feelers to MacDonald, and if the fight comes off, it should be a honey. The winner will obviously go gunning for Canadian middle king George Ross.

At this writing, Al Principe has staged three shows in Vancouver and only one of them has made him money. He suffered heavy financial losses on his first two ventures. However, he feels that with a few breaks he'll do well this winter.

The Jackie Turner-Mike Bernal affair didn't live up to expectations, but Wouters offset that card with his good performance against Brown a few weeks later. Principe's third effort, a double bill involving Eddie Cotton and Mel Brown, and Wouters and Jackson, managed to get by.

Here are the full month's results:

Vancouver, Oct. 27—In a double eight-round main bout, Mel Brown, St. Paul middle, copped the duke over Eddie Cotton, Seattle, in the top half, and Roy Wouters, Vancouver, T.K.O.'ed Matt Jackson, Tacoma, in three.

In the six-round semi, Blackie Vanderveer, Seattle, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Helm, Vancouver, in the fourth, when a cut eye forced Referee Davey Brown to stop the fight.

Sonny Grazette, Seattle, K.O.'ed Bernie Lewis, Vancouver, in one of a lightweight match, and Bill Brenner, Vancouver middle, made his pro debut with a win over Jimmy Davis, Seattle.

Vancouver, Oct. 14—Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn., crafty, copped a unanimous decision over Roy Wouters, Vancouver, in a thriller from bell to bell. In the six-round semi, Stan Almond, Vancouver, won a narrow verdict over Jimmy Gooding, Portland.

In another six, Blackie Vanderveer and Eddie Helm battled to a draw, and in the fours, Bernie Lewis, Vancouver, decisioned Bobby Mills, Seattle, and in the opener, Monty Montgomery scored over Don Roberts.

One thousand fans paid $1,316 to see the card.

Calgary, Oct. 13—Roddy MacDonald of Edmonton, 161, moved a step closer to gaining a crack at Canadian middle king George Ross when he floored Cliff Beckett, Toronto, 158, four times before finishing him off at 2:47 of the fifth round.

After dropping the first two rounds to the swift-punching Easterner, MacDonald uncorked a potent right-handed attack in the third to drop Beckett for a seven-count, and from there on was in front the rest of the way.

In the six-round semi, Irish Jimmy Nolan, Calgary, decisioned Hal Kilgour, Calgary, and in so doing, gained the rubber match of their three fights. His efforts won him the Golden fighter award. Nolan tipped the scales at 146; Kilgour, 148.

Four-rounders saw Ernie Kemick T.K.O. Johnny Eager, Turner Valley, in three; Dave Boyer K.O.'ed Johnny Reddin in two; Doug Harper, 174, Calgary, stopped Johnny MacLean, Rainy River, Man., in one; and Arnold Elliott decisioned Gilbert Estes in three.

RINGSIDE JOTTINGS—Kenny Lindsay, popular Vancouver feather, plans to have one more fight and then call it quits . . . . Jackie Turner, Vancouver flyweight, is looking for action . . . . Seattle Promoter Larry Sheer at this writing is planning to run weekly shows in Seattle . . . . Joe Martin, another leading manager on the Coast, is currently looking for good main-event talent . . . . Ernie Farr, Calgary fistic promoter, says his fights are outdrawing wrestling by a mile . . . . Phil Palmer, former Vancouver welter, has retired and is currently contributing his fistic knowledge to the East End Athletic Club in Vancouver . . . . The writer is in the market for good fighters. Boys with no managerial connections contact the writer if you want plenty of action . . . . See you next month.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

AL PRINCIPE proved before a large empty house that a promoter does not require name fights at big prices to have a crowd-pleasing card. Roy Wouters, the boy everyone said should never have been given a main event shot, put up one of the best fights seen here in some time. Mel Brown, St. Paul Negro, was Wouters' opponent and between the two they produced a real slugfest that sent the fans home happy and Brown won.

The semi-windup was a closely contested affair between Jimmy Gooding and Stan Almond. Almond seemed to have difficulty in solving the counter-punching style of Gooding but managed to have enough on the ball to secure a six-round decision over his rugged opponent. Gooding fought under a handicap from the first round on, having had a cut opened up over his left eye.

Eddie Helm and Blackie Vanderveer battled to a six-round draw in the special event. Vanderveer revealed a real bag of tricks, the like of which has not been seen in this vicinity in many a year. He's a crowd-pleaser.

Bernie Lewis of Vancouver made his professional debut a winning one against Bobby Mills with a four-round decision. Lewis looked very good in winning this one and should improve as he goes along. Don Roberts lost a four-round decision to Monty Montgomery in the opener.

One of the highlights of the month was the visit of Harry Winkler, THE RING's California representative. He has entered into an arrangement with Promoter Al Principe to send California boxers up here for our shows and this should provide Vancouver fans with many excellent fights.

It was announced by the Vancouver Boxing Commission that all promotional licenses had been revoked with the exception of the one held by Al Principe. This was an excellent move to correct one of their former errors, that of issuing licenses to every Tom, Dick and Harry who requested one. Vancouver has room for only one promoter at the present time, a promoter who is able to carry on under adverse conditions until such time as the sport is once again built into a position that the fans are willing to turn out in large numbers. It can be done. Gene Mason proved that, and I believe Al Principe is well on the road to success.

Vancouver has seldom had two fight cards within one month during the last two years. The month of October was one of these few. Al Principe's second promotional offering this month consisted of a double main event featuring Mel Brown and Eddie Cotton in one eight-round go, and Roy Wouters and Matt Jackson in the other. Brown came through with a very slim verdict over Cotton. In the Wouters-Jackson melee, Jackson's eye closed in the third round and then was cut, and the referee halted the contest in favor of Wouters.

Blackie Vanderveer and Eddie Helm resumed at the point where they had left off two weeks previously and the result was another fight that made the fans happy. The ending was rather unsatisfactory, however, since Helm developed a cut over his left eye. The referee had no alternative but to stop the fight and award it to Vanderveer.

Bernie Lewis suffered a severe setback to his professional aspirations when he was stopped in 1:25 of the first round by Sonny Grazette, a smooth-punching Seattle Negro. Bill Brenner survived a first-round knockdown to win his first professional start against Jim Davis with a four-round decision. Bill looked quite impressive.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

THE Donora, Pa., middleweight, Lee Sala, invaded Syracuse and made a good impression defeating tough Nick Kashuba of Brooklyn in a ten-round battle at the Coliseum. The 2,500 fans who paid $4,173 to view the Sala unveiling voiced hearty approval of Lee's prowess and hope he will clash here with Joey DeJohn.

A standup type of boxer with a good left hand, Sala jabbed, stabbed and left-hooked Kashuba all over the ring. Nick tried in vain to connect with a vulnerable punch but Lee was much too smart and fast for him. The show, the second produced by co-promoters Babe and Sam Amos, was a good one. Babe, by the way, advised us he had actually taken over Tony Bersani's Central City Boxing Club, and there is no truth in the rumors Tony is still operating the organization by remote control.

Two little buzzsaws, Hank Okura, Japanese-American 122-pounder, who hails from Toronto, Ont., and Calvin Leigh, fast and effective punching Rochester boxer, waged an exciting eight-round semi-final. It was their second meeting here, and Leigh won the duke on points. Alfredo Pescatore, Utica's transplanted Italian lightweight, carried off a well-earned decision over Tommy Taylor, Cleveland, after six rough rounds.

Earl Wall, Negro heavyweight of Windsor, Can., flattened Don Riffe, Binghamton, in 26 seconds of the first round with a terrific right to the jaw. It was scheduled for six but Wall carried too much power for the Bingo belter. In the opening four, Ernie Miles, young Baltimore middleweight, was awarded an unpopular decision over Alberto Pescatore, Utica, brother of Alfredo. It was a give-and-take slugfest all the way with little to choose between them.

Cliff Hart, Syracuse's Blond Bomber, who is now under the very capable management of Chris Dundee, knocked out Rudy Zadell, Pittsburgh middleweight, in the first round of a scheduled ten-round battle at Pittsburgh. Cliff, hitting on all cylinders, floored Zadell three times before the referee intervened and stopped hostilities after 1 minute, 56 seconds of fistic action.

Tough Tony Masciarelli, who made a tremendous hit here in two great fights with Pete Mead, scored two spectacular knockouts in as many starts in Binghamton. Masciarelli stopped Roland Streety, Cleveland, 165, in the second round on October 13, and belted out Mel Hawkins, 161, Cleveland, in five rounds on October 27. Tony weighed 162 for both battles and is now the current Southern Tier ring sensation.

At Troy, N. Y.—Joe Danos, 152½, Denver, outpointed Frank Cordino, 152½, Paterson, N. J., in ten.

The first card promoted by the Amos brothers under the Central City A. C. banner featured Joey DeJohn, Syracuse's highly-rated young middleweight, in the top spot. DeJohn knocked out Oswaldo Silva, Brazilian slugger, in 1:47 of the ninth round. A turnout of 3,600 paid in a gross gate of $6,200. The match was nothing more than a tune-up for DeJohn. In the seventh, eighth and ninth, Silva took a fearful lacing before he was finally stiffened with the payoff wallop.

A slashing eight-rounder featuring Filberto Osario, 123½, Puerto Rico, and Vic Eisen, 123, Buffalo, resulted in a draw decision. Eisen appeared to have a slight edge with his clean-cut boxing and sharp punching, but the slugging Osario was in there all the time whaling away with leaden thumps from all angles. Jerry Fleming, 158, Rochester, knocked out Ernest Hall, 153, Baltimore, in 2:40 of the first round. Ross Virgo, 146, Rochester, a splendid prospect from Sam Porcelli's stable, stopped Mario Grizzio, 146, Rome, in the first round with a left that gashed open a bad cut over the Roman's left eye. Virgo completely outclassed Mario and the cut probably saved Grizzio from a worse fate. Ollie Brewster, 135, Rome, outpointed Jimmy Carden, 134, thin-haired Carbondale, Pa., slugger, in the four-round opening duel.

LEFT-HOOKS—Cliff Hart is attending Syracuse University night classes to prepare himself for formal enrollment in the Orange classrooms next February . . . . Busy Dewey Fragetta was in town with Bunny Buntag to handle Lee Sala against Nick Kashuba . . . . Gerald Ashe is now doing the buildups for both the Central City and Syracuse Sporting Clubs . . . . Bob Kenefick, former Sports Editor of the old Syracuse *Journal-American*, has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's Hospital . . . . The knockout of Lee Oma in London by Bruce Woodcock should make Howard Chard ashamed of himself . . . . If Howard had had a little more backbone he might have saved the British from viewing Oma's feeble efforts.

Joey DeJohn's knockout of Red Priest and defeat of Sonny Horne has caused some of the better known middleweights to refuse matches with young Joey . . . . Johnny DeJohn and Joe Netro are looking after Joey's ring career and the boys are doing a good job of it . . . . To L.L.K., Dallas, Tex.: Jerry Forlino is a former Utica boxer. I understand he was injured in an auto accident there . . . . In reply to Joe Massaro, Auburn, N. Y.: Primo Carnera boxed a four-round exhibition with Howard Mays here on that show. Carnera was world's heavyweight king at the time and the State Athletic Commission permitted him to engage Mays but refused to let him take on a second sparring partner, Jack Renault . . . . We remember that show well. It was for the Columbus Monument Fund and we did the matchmaking . . . . Sam Trupin, one-time partner in the Kenefick-Trupin-Shaw Boxing Enterprises, Inc., is now residing in Rochester . . . . Pete Fitzgerald, who piloted the affairs of Freddie Sallus, Eddie Dempsey, Jimmy Greb, Mike Andrews, Eddie Swider and countless other good fighters of their day, has retired.

Billy Browne (of Syracuse) is now making his home at Green Bay, Wis. . . . . Billy was one of the cleverest referees in the business . . . . He is now in the electrical business . . . . Gene Moriarty, one-time Solvay Bearcat, who fought them all and was a great action fighter 30 years ago, deplores the present training programs of fighters . . . . Gene claims the boys do not put in half enough roadwork to get their legs in shape and most of them do not box enough rounds when preparing for a fight . . . . Kid Dyke is now a truck driver but seldom misses a boxing show . . . . The Kid thinks Joey DeJohn will be the next middleweight king.

Eddie Leonard, well-known Syracuse sportsman and brother of the former ring star, Billy Leonard, has been appointed a deputy boxing inspector by the State Athletic Commission. Eddie, who, in partnership with Billy and Gene Mack, owns the Belvedere Restaurant in Syracuse, has been the official announcer for boxing shows here for 20 years. In his youth, Eddie was an amateur boxer of no mean ability.

Nick Barone, a really good fighter, who has been fed so many pushovers even the fighter is getting sick of it, scored a technical knockout over George Kochan, variously listed as from Detroit and New York, in the tenth round of a headline match at the Coliseum. The fans didn't go for the opposition, so only 1,500 odd fans who paid $2,307.50 protested wildly against the technical knockout. The other 5,000 regulars stayed away, because they knew before they went to the arena this fellow Kochan didn't have enough to bother Nick.

The North Side ex-florist is a good fighter, ready to meet the best, but his managerial brain trust continues to book washed-up performers who couldn't get a license in any other state to meet him. Then they wonder why the fans don't turn out for such matches. Did they ever hear of the fight fans' educator—the Boxing Record, published by Nat Fleischer? It's the sports editor's bible as well as the informant to the regular. And it means honest matches must be promoted, or John Q. Public is going to stay away.

Usually the prelims at such a show are on the up-and-up. Anyway, here are the results: Alfredo Pescatore, 130, now of Little Falls, N. Y. (formerly of Utica), shaded Lee Bohles, Cleveland, 124, in the six-round semi-final. Bruce Foote, 143, Binghamton, and Rolly Johns, 149½, Albany, were turning in a good scrap when Foote opened a cut over Johns' eye in the fifth and club physician Dr. Charlie Heck ordered the bout stopped. Irv Robbins, the manager, who has so often saved the promoter's life, had Wayne Strowbridge, 160, Colorado Springs, Colo., replace Alberto Pescatore against Roland Streety, 168, Cleveland, in the special, which ended in a six-round draw. Eddie McGhee, 170, Syracuse, who after a lot of canvas kissing has apparently found himself, took an unpopular decision over Leo West, Albany, 185, in the four-round curtain lifter.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

RING activity in the Mountain State is decidedly picking up. A new club at Fairmont, with Jack White at the helm, will get under way by the time this issue hits the newsstands. Both Wheeling and Huntington promoters have applied for dates this month.

Huntington, Radio Center—Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 132, defended his state lightweight title against Ronnie Harper of Charleston, winning handily, over the eight-frame route.

On the other half of this double feature attraction, Billy Cassity, 145, T.K.O.'ed Moundsville's Howard Faulkiner in the third round.

Remainder of the card: Reggie Martina, 130, gave away several pounds and upset the ol' dope bucket by beating Sterling Willey in the main prelim. Willie Cliff, 135, made Don Andrich, 133, his fifth victim in a row by kayoing the Wheeling lad in the fourth round.

The opener on this show was a real Donnybrook, with welters Bill Clark and Johnny Shourak battling to a four-frame standstill.

Prospect of the Month—Jimmie Moore, lethal punching middleweight from Charleston.

Jefferson County Armory, Louisville — Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 128, Huntington, W. Va., unleashed a full repertoire of punches to batter Pat Iacobucci, 128, Cincinnati, into bloody submission here on October 26. The "Topper" scored a unanimous decision before 3000 Louisville fans at the Armory. Underwood gave Pat the worst lacing we have witnessed in many a moon. Ron Harper, 138, defeated the highly regarded Oliver Cobbins, 135 (6). Whitman Burress, 145, outscored Billy Cassity, 145, in eight. Cooper White, 158, stopped Willie Pierce, 155 (3). Willie Cliff, 135, outroughed Frankie Mayo in four. This splendid, well-balanced boxing bill was arranged by Bill McNulty, skipper of the Sportsman's A. C., in the Falls City.

Jimmy Kilbane, one of the ol' guard from Middletown, is now making the matches for the Edgemont Athletic Club at Hamilton, O. Managers with good action fighters desiring work in this city should contact Jimmy at his home, 1622 Taylor Avenue, Middletown, O.

Your reporter had the pleasure of seeing Billy Conn go through several rounds of sparring at Pittsburgh recently in preparation for his comeback campaign. Conn, at 190 pounds, boxed very nicely, and he doesn't seem to have lost any of his pre-war form. Look out for Billy Conn, because the fellow is really serious and he intends to make a strong bid for a good comeback.

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